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**From:** FN-WHO-State Government <IGA.state@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 06, 2019 7:56 AM  
**Subject:** State of the Union Follow-Up: President Donald J. Trump Charts a Path for American Greatness



### **White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs**

State and Local Leaders,

We wanted to provide an additional update from President Trump's second State of the Union Address that delivered a unifying and inspiring vision of American greatness. As the President emphasized, this administration has and continues to work on building a booming economy that improves the lives of all Americans ([see more here](#)). Last night, President Trump offered a policy agenda with bipartisan appeal, one that will result in greater prosperity and peace for the American people. Already, the President has shown the extraordinary bipartisan achievements are possible such as the landmark First Step Act and reauthorization of the Carl D. Perkins Career Vocational and technical Education Act ([see more here](#)).

Below you will find additional information, including **Fact Sheets** outlining various policy priorities, including trade and infrastructure, in the President's Address. We welcome your feedback and engagement on these policy priorities and their impact on your cities, counties, and states. Please feel free to share statements/feedback with White House Intergovernmental Affairs.

#### **State of the Union Recap**

- **Full Video:** You can find the full State of the Union video [here](#).
- **Full Remarks:** Full remarks from President Trump's Address can be found [here](#).
- **Special Guests:** Special Guests for President Trump's Second State of the Union Address (includes photos) can be found [here](#). This year's guests come from all different walks of life, and each has an incredible story to tell. No matter their background, each one has something important in common: **They represent the very best of America.**
- **Accomplishment To Date:** The Historic Results of President Donald J. Trump's First Two Years in Office can be found [here](#).

#### **Fact Sheets**

- **American Greatness:** President Donald J. Trump Charts a Path for American Greatness ([click here](#))
- **Trade:** President Donald J. Trump Has Forged New Trade Agreements to Revitalize American Industry and Agriculture ([click here](#))
- **Infrastructure:** President Donald J. Trump Urges Bipartisan Action to Invest in Our Nation's Infrastructure ([click here](#))

- **Healthcare:** President Donald J. Trump Is Delivering a Better Healthcare System and Improving Quality of Life for All Americans ([click here](#))
- **Families:** President Donald J. Trump Is Supporting American Families ([click here](#))
- **Immigration:** President Donald J. Trump Is Committed to Working with Congress to Solve Our Urgent Immigration Crisis ([click here](#))
- **Safety:** President Donald J. Trump's America First Vision for Keeping Our Nation Safe ([click here](#))

Thank you.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 05, 2019 8:59 PM  
**Subject:** WH IGA: President Donald J. Trump Charts a Path for American Greatness



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We look forward to engaging with you on the priorities the President mentioned tonight. We also welcome your feedback and support. If you do make statements on social media or otherwise, please feel free to share with our office.

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**From:** FN-WHO-State Government <IGA.state@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2019 9:52 AM  
**Subject:** ICYMI: Trump Rips Virginia Democrats' "Terrible" Abortion Comments



**Donald J. Trump** @realDonaldTrump · 33m

Democrats are becoming the Party of late term abortion, high taxes, Open Borders and Crime!

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Link to tweet: <https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1090967053689937921>

## ICYMI | Exclusive: Trump Rips Virginia Democrats' Abortion Comments

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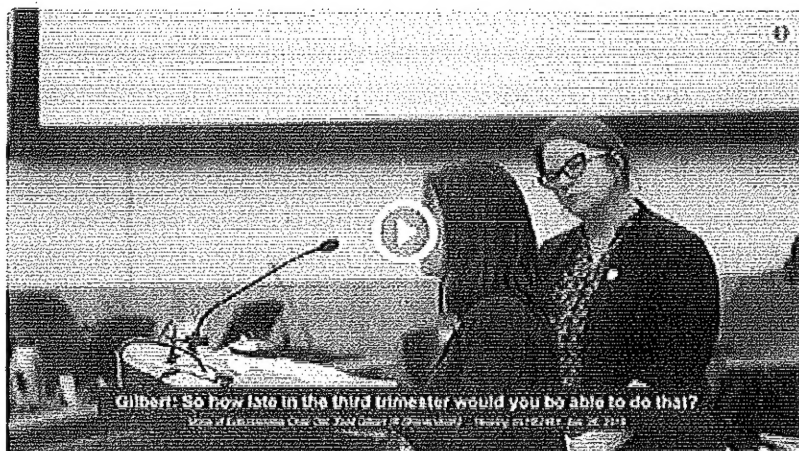
Daily Caller  
Saagar Enjeti  
January 30, 2019 - 7:27 PM  
Link to full article [here](#)

President Donald Trump harshly criticized Democratic Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam and Democratic Virginia Delegate Kathy Tran's advocacy of late-term abortion, in an exclusive Oval Office interview with The Daily Caller.

"I'm surprised that he did that, I've met him a number of times," Trump said, noting that he saw a video of Tran discussing the bill earlier that morning, but hadn't yet heard Northam's remarks.

"I thought it was terrible," Trump said of Tran's statements, adding, "Do you remember when I said Hillary Clinton was willing to rip the baby out of the womb? That's what it is, that's what they're doing, it's terrible."

Trump's comments come after a bill was introduced in Virginia that would effectively allow women to terminate a pregnancy up until the moment of birth.



**Matthew Schmitz**   
@matthewschmitz

Watch Kathy Tran (D) struggle to admit that a bill she has introduced in the Virginia House of Delegates would allow abortion up to the point of birth.


♥ 330 9:06 AM - Jan 30, 2019

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Northam described the new late-term abortion legislation in a Wednesday interview, saying, "If a mother is in labor...the infant would be delivered. The infant would be kept comfortable. The infant would be resuscitated, if that's what the mother and the family desired, and then a discussion would ensue between the physicians & mother."



**Caleb Hull**   
@CalebHull

VA gov on abortion this morning:

"If a mother is in labor...the infant would be delivered. The infant would be kept comfortable. The infant would be resuscitated if that's what the mother and the family desired, and then a discussion would ensue between the physicians & mother"

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Trump continued, reflecting on both Northam and Tran's comments. "This is going to lift up the whole pro-life movement like maybe it's never been lifted up before. The pro-life movement is very much a 50-50, it's a very 50-50 issue, actually it's gained a point or two over the years."

Trump seemed optimistic about the remarks, saying, "I think this will very much lift up the issue because people have never thought of it in those terms."

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**From:** FN-WHO-State Government <IGA.state@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 25, 2019 4:10 PM  
**Subject:** What You Need To Know | President Trump Supports Opening The Government Now That Democrats Will Negotiate On Barrier Funding



### **White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs**

President Trump supports reopening the Government now that many Democrats have finally agreed to negotiate on border security and barrier funding. While we hope that Congress finds a solution in the next three weeks, the President will continue to keep all options on the table. Dozens of rank-and-file Democrats have reached out to the Administration and signaled they are willing to provide wall funding if the Government reopens. The President made a good-faith offer, and there is real opportunity to accomplish objectives that both parties want. Below you will find additional information.

### **What You Need To Know | President Trump Supports Opening The Government Now That Democrats Will Negotiate On Barrier Funding**

**President Trump supports reopening the government now that Democrats have finally agreed to negotiate on border security, including barrier funding.**

- The President remains firmly committed to a barrier, including \$5.7 billion in funding.
- Pelosi and the Democrats were originally unwilling to give \$1 to a barrier but are now willing to negotiate.
- The President will continue to keep all options on the table, including declaration of a national emergency.
- The President will continue to defend the American people, address this humanitarian crisis, and protect our southern border.

**It is up to Democrats to stop obstructing and do their part to secure the border and protect America.**

- The President made a good faith offer and finally Democrats have agreed to negotiate as the President has asked since the beginning.
- Dozens of rank-and-file Democrats have reached out to the Administration and signaled they are willing to provide barrier funding if the government reopens.
- Congress has one more chance to work together, negotiate, and address the security and humanitarian crisis on the border.

**Because of the President's actions, federal workers will be paid in the next few days.**

- Congress should reopen the government immediately. Federal workers have suffered and our borders remain open because Democrats have refused to negotiate.

- We thank the public servants who have worked without pay and those who have been furloughed.
- Thankfully with President Trump's leadership we were able to secure all of your back pay which will be coming soon.

**Many prominent Democrats have said they support barriers on our Southern border.**

- Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL): "I can tell you we have had fencing in the past and I'm sure we will in the future."
- Sen. Angus King (I-ME): "There are places along the border where wall makes sense" And "Everybody is for border security. The question is, let's do it in a rational, economic, sensible way. There are places where wall makes sense ..."
- Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR): "Some fencing has uses. Some barriers are useful."
- Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD): "Certainly you need barriers and we support barriers."
- Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA): "I know we're going to have to add additional border security.... We've got about 700 miles of existing fencing. Where folks say we need additional barrier protections, I'm all for it."
- Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE): "I personally don't think that a border wall is in and of itself immoral."
- Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY): "There are areas along the border where there are currently fences that are put up or barriers that are put up that need to be enhanced."
- Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA): "Increase Border Patrol agents. Increase enforcement of overstay of visas. Increase use of technology and yes fencing where there are vulnerabilities."
- Rep. Cheri Bustos (D-IL): "If we have a partial wall. If we have fencing. If we have technology used to keep our border safe. All of that is fine."
- Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD) When asked about a wall working responds "Obviously they work".
- Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI): "You would be surprised at the amount of money people are willing to put into border security and it would contain many things. ... If there are places that some kind of barrier should be part of it, then that's part of it."
- Asked if the Democratic House leadership is willing to spend \$5.7 billion on a wall or border security, House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn (D-SC): "We may be, so as long as there's supporting evidence that that's what's required."

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**From:** FN-WHO-State Government <IGA.state@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 23, 2019 7:14 AM  
**Subject:** REMINDER (TODAY - 10:30AM EST): Briefing Call on Border Security with President Donald Trump



### **White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs**

State and Local Leaders and Elected Officials,

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, in conjunction with the White House Office of Public Liaison, invite you to join us for a briefing call with President Donald Trump and Senior Administration Officials to discuss the President's immigration proposal. **If you would like to join the call, RSVP below to receive dial-in information.** We can accommodate a limited number of callers for this briefing and registrations are limited to a first come, first serve basis. Please do not register if you anticipate being unable to join.

#### **Briefing Call on Border Security**

- **Date:** Wednesday, January 23
- **Time:** 10:30 a.m. EST
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**From:** FN-WHO-State Government <IGA.state@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2019 5:44 PM  
**Subject:** INVITATION (1/23 - 10:30AM EST): Briefing Call on Border Security with President Donald Trump



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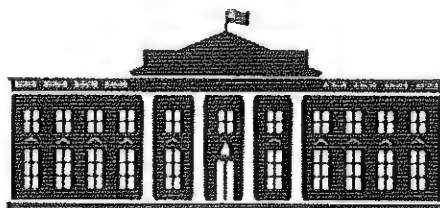
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**From:** FN-WHO-State Government <IGA.state@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 19, 2019 2:28 PM  
**Subject:** WH IGA: President Donald J. Trump's Plan to Reopen the Government and Fund Border Security



**White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs**

State and Local Elected Officials,

As a follow-up to President Donald Trump's remarks, please find the below Fact Sheet outlining the Administration's plan to reopen the government and fund border security.

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**PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP'S PLAN TO REOPEN THE GOVERNMENT AND FUND BORDER SECURITY**

*"To every member of Congress: Pass a bill that ends this crisis. To every citizen: Call Congress and tell them to finally, after all of these decades, secure our border. This is a choice between right and wrong, justice and injustice. This is about whether we fulfill our sacred duty to the American citizens we serve." – President Donald J. Trump*

**PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP:** President Donald J. Trump is showing strong leadership by working with Congress to find a solution to reopen our government and secure the border.

- The President is solving the decades old problem of border security.
- The negotiation team tasked by President Trump has been working with Republicans and Democrats to find a compromise to reopen the government while providing border security.

- The President is bringing together the best ideas from both sides to come up with solution to a complex problem.

**RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT FUNDING:** The bipartisan and common sense legislation proposed by President Trump will reopen our government and secure the border.

- \$5.7 billion to fund a steel barrier system, including embedded investments in technology and roads, on our southern border in the priority areas cited by Border Patrol.
  - This is in addition to the more than 115 miles of barriers already built, replaced, or contracted under President Trump.
- \$805 million for technology, canines, and personnel to help stop the flow of illegal drugs, weapons and other contraband. This includes:
  - \$675 million for drug detection inspection technology to help secure our ports of entry.
  - \$130 million for canine units, training, personnel and portable scanners to help deter and detect smuggled narcotics, weapons, and other dangerous materials.
- \$800 million dollars in humanitarian assistance, medical support, and new temporary housing.
- \$782 million to hire an additional 2,750 border agents, law enforcement officers, and staff.
- \$563 million to support our immigration court system, including hiring 75 new immigration judge teams to reduce the immigration court backlog of 800,000 cases.

**BIPARTISAN SOLUTION:** As part of President Trump's willingness to compromise to reopen the government, he is proposing to grant provisional status to current DACA and Temporary Protected Status (TPS) recipients.

- Provisional status will be granted for three years for current DACA recipients, covering 700,000 illegal immigrants brought here by their parents at a young age.
  - This status will give them access to work permits, social security numbers, and protection from deportation.
- Provisional status will be granted to certain current TPS recipients for three years, providing 300,000 immigrants whose protected status is facing expiration more certainty as Congress works on a larger immigration deal.

**IMMEDIATE CRISIS:** President Trump's proposal would solve the immediate security and humanitarian crisis at our southern border, but would not solve all of our immigration challenges.

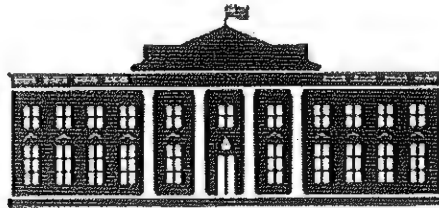
- America faces an immediate humanitarian crisis from our unsecured border.
  - According to a 2017 Doctors Without Borders Report, more than 30 percent of women are sexually assaulted on the trek to the border.
  - On average, the United States Border Patrol refers approximately 50 individuals to a hospital or medical provider, including children who cross the border in need of medical attention.
  - The number of families and unaccompanied children crossing the border illegally has grown dramatically in recent months. This past December, Border Patrol apprehended 32,284 families and unaccompanied children. Just six months prior, Border Patrol apprehended only 13,164 families and unaccompanied children.
- The country still faces serious immigration issues that need a permanent solution, including interior enforcement, asylum reform, worksite verification, the 11 million people living in the country unlawfully, and moving toward a merit-based immigration system.
  - Once the government is open and the immediate crisis is addressed, President Trump will hold weekly bipartisan meetings to reform our immigration system.



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**From:** FN-WHO-State Government <IGA.state@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 19, 2019 11:19 AM  
**Subject:** INVITATION (TODAY, 4:30 PM EST): Briefing Call on Border Security



### **White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs**

State and Local Elected Officials,

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, in conjunction with the White House Office of Public Liaison, invite you to join us for a briefing call on border security **today, Saturday, January 19 at 4:30 p.m. EST**. If you would like to join the call, **RSVP below** to receive dial-in information. We can accommodate a limited number of callers for this briefing and registrations are limited to a first come, first serve basis. Please do not register if you anticipate being unable to join.

#### **Briefing Call on Border Security**

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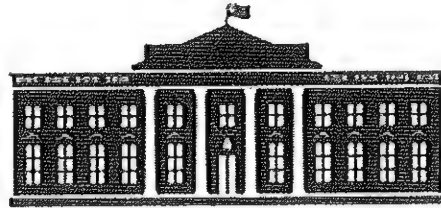
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**From:** FN-WHO-State Government <IGA.state@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 15, 2019 7:19 AM  
**Subject:** RE: INVITATION (1/15): President Donald Trump to Host Border Security Call



**White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs**

Attorneys General,

President Donald Trump will be joining this call on border security. We hope that you can participate.

**Briefing Call on Border Security**

- **Date:** Tuesday, January 15
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Sincerely,

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**From:** FN-WHO-State Government  
**Sent:** Monday, January 14, 2019 7:13 PM  
**Subject:** INVITATION (1/15): Senior Administration Official Briefing Call on Border Security



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The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, in conjunction with the White House Office of Public Liaison, invite you to join us for a briefing call with Senior Administration Officials on border security **tomorrow, Tuesday, January 15 at 2:30 p.m. EST**. If you would like to join the call,

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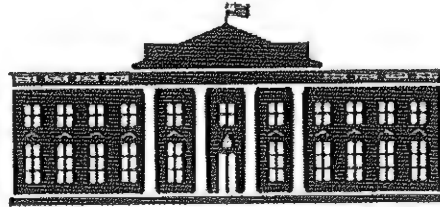
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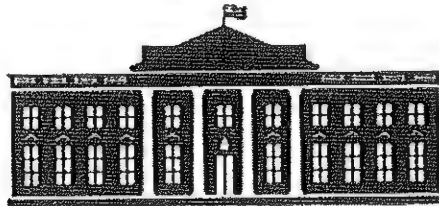
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**From:** FN-WHO-State Government <IGA.state@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 08, 2019 7:51 PM  
**Subject:** President Trump Addresses the Nation on the Crisis at the Border



### **White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs**

State and Local Leaders,

Tonight, President Donald Trump addressed the Nation on the crisis at the border. You can watch the full address by [clicking here](#). Please find additional information below.

#### **Topline Overview**

- President Trump made his case to the American people that there is a real humanitarian and national security crisis at the border.
- The President showed true leadership in speaking directly to the American people about the need to secure our border immediately.
- The President offered to work with Democrats in good faith to reopen the government and secure the border.
- The President put forward common sense solutions to end the crisis.
- The President laid out a case for how critical more resources are to ending the crisis that has endangered Americans and those who have taken the dangerous journey.
- Illegal drugs, crime, and gangs that have hurt our communities have surged across our southern border.
- The President showed how the Democratic leadership has been putting their own political well-being ahead of American citizens.
- Democrats once supported funding for border security, now they changed their minds to play politics against the President.

## **TRANSCRIPT | President Trump Addresses the Nation on the Crisis at the Border**

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My fellow Americans: Tonight, I am speaking to you because there is a growing humanitarian and security crisis at our Southern Border.

Every day, Customs and Border Patrol agents encounter thousands of illegal immigrants trying to enter our country. We are out of space to hold them, and we have no way to promptly return them back home to their country.

America proudly welcomes millions of lawful immigrants who enrich our society and contribute to our nation. But all Americans are hurt by uncontrolled, illegal migration. It strains public resources and drives down jobs and wages. Among those hardest hit are African Americans and Hispanic Americans.

Our Southern Border is a pipeline for vast quantities of illegal drugs – including meth, heroin, cocaine and fentanyl. Every week, 300 of our citizens are killed by heroin alone – 90 percent of which floods across from our Southern Border. More Americans will die from drugs this year than were killed in the entire Vietnam War.

In the last two years, ICE officers made 266,000 arrests of aliens with criminal records – including those charged or convicted of 100,000 assaults, 30,000 sex crimes and 4,000 violent killings. Over the years, thousands of Americans have been brutally killed by those who illegally entered our country, and thousands more lives will be lost if we don't act right now.

This is a humanitarian crisis – a crisis of the heart and a crisis of the soul.

Last month, 20,000 migrant children were illegally brought into the United States – a dramatic increase. These children are used as human pawns by vicious coyotes and ruthless gangs. 1 in 3 women are sexually assaulted on the dangerous trek up through Mexico. Women and children are the biggest victims by far of our broken system.

This is the tragic reality of illegal immigration on our Southern Border. This is the cycle of human suffering I am determined to end.

My Administration has presented Congress with a detailed proposal to secure the border and stop the criminal gangs, drug smugglers and human traffickers, it's a tremendous problem. Our proposal was developed by law enforcement professionals and border agents at the Department of Homeland Security. These are the resources they have requested to properly perform their mission and keep America safe – in fact, safer than ever before.

The proposal from Homeland Security includes cutting-edge technology for detecting drugs, weapons, illegal contraband, and many other things. We have requested more agents, immigration judges and bed space to process the sharp rise in unlawful migration fueled by our very strong economy. Our plan also contains an urgent request for humanitarian assistance and medical support.

Furthermore, we have asked Congress to close border security loopholes so that illegal immigrant children can be safely and humanely returned back home.

Finally, as part of an overall approach to border security, law enforcement professionals have requested \$5.7 billion dollars for a physical barrier.

At the request of Democrats, it will be a steel barrier rather than a concrete wall. This barrier is absolutely critical to border security. It's also what our professionals at the border want and need. This is just commonsense.

The Border Wall would very quickly pay for itself. The cost of illegal drugs exceeds \$500 billion dollars a year – vastly more than the \$5.7 billion dollars we have requested from Congress. The wall will also be paid for, indirectly, by the great new trade deal we have made with Mexico.

Senator Chuck Schumer – who you will be hearing from later tonight – has repeatedly supported a physical barrier in the past, along with many other Democrats. They changed their mind only after I was elected President.

Democrats in Congress have refused to acknowledge the crisis. And they have refused to provide our brave border agents with the tools they desperately need to protect our families and our nation.

The federal government remains shutdown for one reason and one reason only: Because Democrats will not fund border security.

My Administration is doing everything in our power to help those impacted by the situation. But the only solution is for Democrats to pass a spending bill that defends our borders and re-opens the government.

This situation could be solved in a 45 minute meeting. I have invited Congressional Leadership to the White House tomorrow to get this done. Hopefully, we can all rise above partisan politics in order to support national security.

Some have suggested a barrier is immoral. Then why do wealthy politicians build walls, fences and gates around their homes? They don't build walls because they hate the people on the outside, but because they love the people on the inside. The only thing that is immoral is the politicians to do nothing and continue to allow more innocent people to be so horribly victimized.

America's heart broke the day after Christmas when a young police officer in California was savagely murdered in cold-blood by an illegal alien who just came across the border. The life of an American hero was stolen by someone who had no right to be in our country.

Day after day, precious lives are cut short by those who have violated our borders.

In California, an Air Force Veteran was raped, murdered and beaten to death with a hammer by an illegal alien with a long criminal history. In Georgia, an illegal alien was recently charged with murder for killing, beheading, and dismembering his neighbor. In Maryland, MS-13 gang members who arrived in the United States as unaccompanied minors were arrested and charged last year after viciously stabbing and beating a 16-year-old girl.

Over the last several years, I've met with dozens of families whose loved ones were stolen by illegal immigration. I've held the hands of the weeping mothers and embraced the grief-stricken fathers. So sad. So terrible. I will never forget the pain in their eyes, the tremble in their voices, or the sadness gripping their souls.

How much more American blood must be shed before Congress does its job?

To those who refuse to compromise in the name of border security, I would ask: imagine if it was your child, your husband, or your wife, whose life was so cruelly shattered and totally broken?

To every Member of Congress: pass a bill that ends this crisis.

To every citizen: call Congress and tell them to finally – after all of these decades – secure our border.

This is a choice between right and wrong. Justice and Injustice. This is about whether we fulfill our sacred duty to the American citizens we serve.

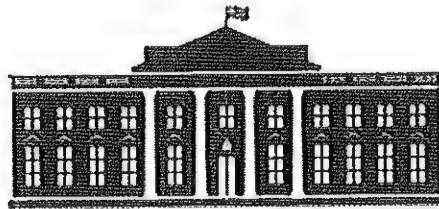
When I took the oath of office, I swore to protect our country and its people. And that is what I will always do, so help me God.

Thank you and Goodnight.

**Lumpp, Rachelle**

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**From:** FN-WHO-State Government <IGA.state@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 08, 2019 6:37 PM  
**Subject:** INVITATION (1/9): Law Enforcement Briefing Call on Border Security & the Humanitarian Crisis



### **White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs**

Please join the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) and senior administration officials for a briefing call on border security and the humanitarian crisis on **Wednesday, January 9 at 11:30AM EST**.

#### **Conference Call Information**

**What:** White House Call on Border Security & the Humanitarian Crisis

**When:** Wednesday, January 9, 11:30AM EST

**Register:** [Click Here](#) (You must register in order to join the call. Please **do not** register if you cannot make the call as space is limited.)

Sincerely,

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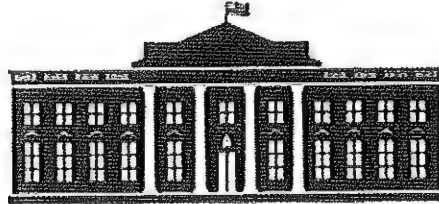
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**From:** FN-WHO-State Government <IGA.state@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 08, 2019 10:40 AM  
**Subject:** INVITATION (1/11): Border Security & Safe Communities Roundtable



### **White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs**

State and Local Officials,

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental, you are cordially invited to a White House roundtable discussion on border security and safe communities. The roundtable will bring together State, local, law enforcement, and community leaders at the White House to discuss the impact illegal immigration has on their communities including human trafficking, gang violence, and drug trafficking.

#### **Event Information**

**What:** White House Roundtable on Border Security & Safe Communities

**When:** Friday, January 11, 2:30PM EST (please arrive no later than 1:45PM EST)

**Where:** The White House (Washington, D.C.)

**Register:** [Click Here](#)

**Information and/or participation in this event is embargoed until further guidance.**

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**Can I bring a guest?** No.

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**What items are permissible/non-permissible?** You can bring a cell phone, wallet, purse, briefcase, etc. We cannot accommodate larger bags or luggage.

**Is lodging and/or transportation provided?** No, registered attendees are responsible for their own accommodations, meals, and transportation to Washington, D.C. and throughout the duration of their visit. Due to federal regulations, we are unable to provide you with recommendations for travel and accommodations. Bottled water will be provided during the conference portion of the event.  
**Lunch is not provided.**

**Where do I go?** All events will take place on the White House complex. We will provide further information ahead of the event date.

**How do I get around Washington, D.C.?** For travel and transportation in Washington, D.C., taxis and ride sharing services are readily available. The metro is also a convenient way to travel. The closest metro stops are Federal Triangle and Farragut West. More information on the metro, including travel times and maps, can be found by clicking [here](#).

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**Subject:** WH IGA: President Trump Sends a Letter on Border Security to Congress



### **White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs**

Attorneys General,

As a follow-up to the email below, we wanted to share with you a **recent letter sent by President Donald Trump to Members of Congress on the need to secure the border**. The President also attached a presentation that Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen was planning to deliver during a meeting with Congressional leadership in the White House Situation Room earlier this week. The letter and accompanying presentation has been sent to Congressional Leadership and will be hand delivered to all Members of Congress throughout the day.

**You can view a copy of the letter by clicking here: [President Trump Sends a Letter on Border Security to Congress](#)**

**You can view a copy of the presentation by clicking here: [A Border Security and Humanitarian Crisis](#)**

As the presentation makes clear, current funding levels, resources, and authorities are woefully inadequate to meet the scope of the problem. We are no longer in a status quo situation at the Southern Border but in a crisis situation. Status quo funding is not enough.

- In fiscal year (FY) 2018, 17,000 adults at the border with existing criminal records were arrested by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and border agents.
- In FY2017 and FY2018, ICE officers arrested approximately 235,000 aliens on various criminal charges or convictions within the interior of the United States—including roughly 100,000 for assault, 30,000 for sex crimes, and 4,000 for homicides.
- We are now averaging 60,000 illegal and inadmissible aliens a month on our Southern Border.
- Last month alone, more than 20,000 minors were smuggled into the United States.
- The immigration court backlog is nearly 800,000 cases.
- There has been a 2,000 percent increase in asylum claims over the last five years, with the largest growth coming from Central America—while around 9 in 10 claims from Central American migrants are ultimately rejected by the immigration courts, the applicant has long since been released into the interior of the United States.
- In FY2017, roughly 135,000 illegal and inadmissible family units arrived from Central America. Of those, less than 2 percent have been successfully removed from the country due to a shortage of resources and glaring loopholes in our federal laws.
- So far in FY2019, we have seen a 280 percent increase in family units from FY2018.

- 300 Americans are killed every week from heroin—90 percent of which floods across our Southern Border.
- Illegal immigration is a humanitarian crisis: 1 in 3 migrant women is sexually assaulted on the journey northward to the U.S. border; 50 illegal migrants a day are referred for emergency medical care; and CBP rescues 4,300 people a year who are in danger and distress.

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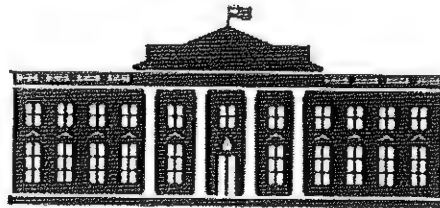
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Sent: Thursday, January 3, 2019 6:46 PM

Subject: RE: What You Need to Know: Pelosi Wants to Send More Taxpayer Money Overseas While Ignoring the Crisis at Our Border



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YUMA, Arizona—Right along the southwest border, sheriff’s departments are left picking up the pieces in the wake of cross-border crime. It then spreads beyond the border.

Consequently, sheriffs need a bigger seat at the table during border security discussions, said ex-Marine and Yuma County Sheriff Leon Wilmot.

“We all too often see interviews in Washington [with] mayors and governors but, no offence, they are not the ones that are down here on the border,” Wilmot said in an interview at his office on May 25. “They are not the ones that are investigating the crimes. They are not the ones out here when it’s 120 degrees, processing a crime scene where 14 people were left to die in the desert.”

Wilmot has witnessed it all in his 30-plus years with the sheriff’s department. He knows a vulture will peck a human body down to nothing but bone, because he has seen it. He knows bandits follow the smugglers over the border and rape the women before running back to Mexico, because he is left with the victims. He knows the cartels will commit any crime to get drugs and humans across the border.

Yuma County is 5,522 square miles—larger than the state of Connecticut—and it shares 126 miles of border with Mexico. California and its Imperial Sand Dunes are just a mirage away on the western border beyond the Colorado River.

The Yuma Border Patrol Sector used to be the worst in the country for illegal crossings, until it became a poster-child for the effectiveness of a border fence.

In 2005, before the fence, more than 2,700 vehicles crossed the Colorado River and open deserts, loaded with illegal immigrants and drugs, according to Border Patrol numbers.

Apprehensions steadily increased to more than 138,000 in fiscal 2005.

“Yuma battled entrenched smuggling groups for control of the border,” said Border Patrol in a video. “Mass incursions often left agents outnumbered 50 to 1. Agents were assaulted with rocks and weapons daily.”

Following the Secure Fence Act of 2006, Yuma tripled manpower and added mobile surveillance, as well as fencing and vehicle barriers.

Yuma went from having 5.2 miles of fencing to 63 miles, and subsequently saw an almost 95 percent decrease in border apprehensions by 2009, when Border Patrol made about 7,000 arrests.

Article Link: [https://www.theepochtimes.com/sheriff-border-fence-helped-cut-crime-in-yuma-by-91-percent\\_2749236.html](https://www.theepochtimes.com/sheriff-border-fence-helped-cut-crime-in-yuma-by-91-percent_2749236.html)

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**Sent:** Thursday, January 3, 2019 10:31 AM

**Subject:** What You Need to Know: Pelosi Wants to Send More Taxpayer Money Overseas While Ignoring the Crisis at Our Border



### **White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs**

State and Local Leaders,

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- Facts and Figures on the Crisis at the Border
  - Information on Ineffective Funding Proposal Offered by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Congressional Democrats
  - Select Quotes from State and Local Leaders
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**What You Need To Know | By the Numbers: The Urgent Border Crisis Facing Our Nation**

**As Democrats in Congress refuse to provide funding to secure the border, we continue to face an urgent crisis of illegal immigration.**

- Over 60,000 migrants have arrived at our border each of the last three months.
- Of those 60,000, around 85% illegally crossed our border and 15% presented themselves at a port of entry without documents.

**Loopholes in our immigration system are enticing more and more illegal alien minors and families to flood to our southern border.**

- In recent years, we have seen a staggering increase in the percentage of illegal alien minors and illegal alien families crossing our border.
- Up until 2012, over 90% of arrivals were single adults and the vast majority were from Mexico.
  - In December, family unit aliens and unaccompanied alien minors made up just under two-thirds (65%) of all crossings.
- Last year family unit aliens and unaccompanied alien minors made up 40% of all crossings, far surpassing the previous record of 28%.

**Customs and Border Protection is encountering a growing number of children at the border and continues to refer a large number for medical care.**

- Customs and Border Protection encountered an estimated 22,000 children last month.
    - Of those 22,000, more 4,000 of them were 5 and under.
  - Border Patrol is referring approximately 50 cases a day to medical providers.
    - Border Patrol referred more than 80 cases to a medical provider just on December 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - From December 22 through December 30, Border Patrol referred 451 cases to a medical provider, the majority of whom were children.
    - Border Patrol referred 259 children to a medical provider.
    - 129 under the age of 5, 88 between the ages of 6 and 14, and 42 between the ages of 15 to 17.
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**What You Need To Know | Pelosi Wants to Send More Taxpayer Money Overseas While Ignoring the Crisis at Our Border**

***Pelosi has released a spending plan that ignores the border crisis but includes wasteful spending and sends more taxpayer dollars to fix problems overseas***

**President Trump made a good faith offer to Pelosi and Congressional Democrats but they have responded with a plan that fails to secure the border.**

- President Trump's offer to Congressional Democrats would ensure our border is secure and the safety of the American people is protected.
- Pelosi has responded with a plan that does not provide an increase in border security funding, showing a complete disregard for the crisis that we are facing.
- Pelosi is proposing to fund DHS until next month with no increase, while providing longer term appropriations to other Departments.

**Pelosi's plan would send more taxpayer money to other countries instead of addressing the border crisis we are facing right here in the United States.**

- Pelosi is willing to increase funding for foreign aid but is not willing to send the necessary funds to the border to protect the safety and security of the American people.
- Pelosi's spending plan includes more than \$54 billion in foreign programs, an increase of \$12 billion over the President's budget request.
- Pelosi wants to send \$1.8 billion to international organizations like the UN, \$700 million more than the President requested in his budget.
  - Pelosi's plan restores funding for the UN Population Fund, which has been found to support programs that conduct coercive abortion and involuntary sterilization.
- Pelosi's proposal would continue at least eight wasteful, duplicative, or ineffective international programs that the Administration has proposed eliminating or cutting.
- This plan includes nearly \$2 billion in spending on duplicative and inefficient international food aid programs.
- This plan increases economic development assistance by nearly \$3 billion over the President's request, including \$286 million for the West Bank and Gaza.

**Pelosi is proposing excessive spending on non-essential programs but is unwilling to provide the funding needed for our border.**

- The plan proposed by Pelosi includes billions in excessive spending, more than enough to secure the border.
- The plan includes \$2 billion in excessive EPA funds, \$2.4 in excessive funds for the Interior Department, \$7.1 billion in excessive funds for HUD rental assistance programs, and more.
- Pelosi's plan would keep using taxpayer money on the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).
- The plan would continue wasteful subsidies for Amtrak without making any meaningful reforms.

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**Recent State and Local Action**

**Governor Pete Ricketts (NE):** *"I stand with President @realDonaldTrump! #BuildTheWall."*

**Governor-elect Ron DeSantis (FL):** *"I stand with @realDonaldTrump to secure our borders. We must fulfill this important promise to Florida voters, and I encourage my former colleagues in Congress to stand firm with President Trump. The bill also provides disaster spending that will help Florida begin to rebuild following Hurricane Michael. Pass the bill!"*

**Governor-elect Brian Kemp (GA):** *"We must secure the border and provide relief to South Georgia families impacted by Hurricane Michael. Incredibly proud of the #GAGOP delegation for standing with @POTUS and working around the clock to put people - not politics - first. #gapol."*

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**Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA):** *"For the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA) membership, border security means community security. From Northern and Southwest border states to the interior, the negative outgrowths of border insecurity such as drugs, gangs, human trafficking and terrorist infiltration impacts our communities on a daily basis. Sheriffs across the nation have seen an unprecedented rise in drug overdose deaths caused in part by illicit synthetic opioids, and are grappling with an insurgence of methamphetamine. Drugs have become among the largest contributing factors to crime in our communities and our sheriffs are on the front line combating the growing epidemic and associated crime. Transnational gangs such as MS-13 prey on our neighborhoods and know no bounds when it comes to violence. The range of threats and crimes are real and tangible; they have a direct impact on the communities we are sworn to protect and without a comprehensive border security solution, there will be no reprieve. The MCSA has long advocated for a comprehensive policy that will secure our nation's borders. If we do not have border security, we cannot have national security. On behalf of the Major County Sheriffs of America, we look forward to working with you and Congress to rectify this issue in support of community safety."*

**Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA):** *"Border Security is the fundamental element of any nation's independence. The Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association represents approximately 27,000 federal agents and officers in 65 federal agencies. Many of our members are assigned to various components of the Department of Homeland Security. We strongly support the President's initiatives to properly support the needs of the men and women whose mission is to protect and defend our borders. FLEOA stands with our Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Border Patrol (USBP) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Members who have*

*dedicated their lives to protecting our citizens and our borders. Similarly, FLEOA encourages any and all solutions be employed as rapidly as possible to avoid a government shutdown and ensure that none of our members will be required to provide essential law enforcement services without pay."*

**South Dakota Legislators Support U.S. Border Wall Construction:** *In announcing his bill on Wednesday, state Sen. Stace Nelson, R-Fulton, said the security and sovereignty of the United States shouldn't be a political issue. "The porous southern border has been a serious security threat to Americans' safety for decades, and it is past time to secure it," Nelson said in a statement. More [here](#).*

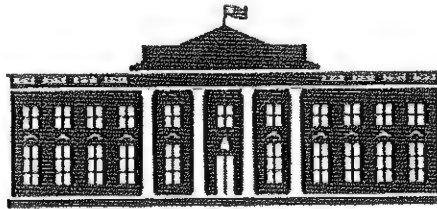
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*Announces Migration Protection Protocols*

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Section 235(b)(2)(C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. Under the Migration Protection Protocols (MPP), individuals arriving in or entering the United States from Mexico – illegally or without proper documentation – may be returned to Mexico for the duration of their immigration proceedings.

“Today we are announcing historic measures to bring the illegal immigration crisis under control,” said Secretary Nielsen. “We will confront this crisis head on; uphold the rule of law, and strengthen our humanitarian commitments. Aliens trying to game the system to get into our country illegally will no longer be able to disappear into the United States, where many skip their court dates. Instead, they will wait for an immigration court decision while they are in Mexico. ‘Catch and release’ will be replaced with ‘catch and return.’ In doing so, we will reduce illegal migration by removing one of the key incentives that encourages people from taking the dangerous journey to the United States in the first place. This will also allow us to focus more attention on those who are actually fleeing persecution.

“Let me be clear: we will undertake these steps consistent with all domestic and international legal obligations, including our humanitarian commitments. We have notified the Mexican government of our intended actions. In response, Mexico has made an independent determination that they will commit to implement essential measures on their side of the border. We expect affected migrants will receive humanitarian visas to stay on Mexican soil, the ability to apply for work, and other protections while they await a U.S. legal determination.”

### Background

Illegal aliens have exploited asylum loopholes at an alarming rate. Over the last five years, DHS has seen a 2000 percent increase in aliens claiming credible fear (the first step to asylum), as many know it will give them an opportunity to stay in our country, even if they do not actually have a valid claim to asylum. As a result, the United States has an overwhelming asylum backlog of more than 786,000 pending cases. Last year alone the number of asylum claims soared 67 percent compared to the previous year. Most of these claims are not meritorious – in fact *nine out of ten asylum claims are not granted by a federal immigration judge*. However, by the time a judge has ordered them removed from the United States, many have vanished.

### Process

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#### Anticipated Benefits

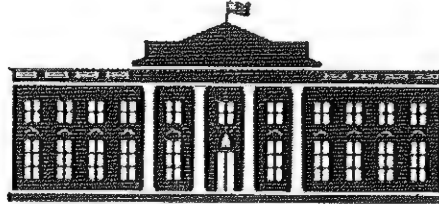
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- Vulnerable populations will get the protection they need while they await a determination in Mexico.

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Below can find more information below on how the President and his Administration are working to stop school violence.

#### **Commission Background**

In the wake of the tragic shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in February, President Donald J. Trump established the Commission and tasked its members with studying and recommending ways to make our nation's schools more secure. Over the nine months that followed, the Commissioners, including U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos, Acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker (who succeeded former Attorney General Jeff Sessions as a Commissioner), Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex Azar, and Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen, held more than a dozen meetings, field visits, and listening sessions.

Commission meetings provided a forum for presentations from subject matter experts, educators, law enforcement officials, and individuals affected by school violence. Field visits involved travel to schools to learn first-hand about current best practices in school safety. Listening sessions occurred in regions across the country and provided opportunities for the public to offer recommendations to the Commission. In total, the Commissioners heard from dozens of experts from nearly 40 states and reviewed more than 1,500 comments from the public.

#### **Report Overview**

After months of research, visiting successful programs around the nation, and receiving testimony from experts and concerned citizens, today the Federal Commission on School Safety (Commission) released a 177-page report detailing 93 best practices and policy recommendations for improving safety at schools across the country.

Utilizing the information gathered, the Commission report offers a holistic approach to improving school safety, ranging from supporting the social and emotional well-being of students to enhancing physical building security. Acknowledging there can be no one-size-fits-all solution to this complex problem, the final report serves as a resource guide for families, educators, law enforcement officers, health professionals, and elected leaders to use as they consider the best ways to prevent, mitigate, and recover from acts of violence in schools. The recommendations are based on efforts that are already working in states and local communities.

You can read the full report here: [Final Report of the Federal Commission on School Safety](#)

### **Administration Statements on the Report**

- **Acting Attorney General Matthew G. Whitaker** said, "The Trump administration is taking action to prevent and deter violence in our schools. The Department of Justice is already directing funding to hire school resource officers, improving our background check systems, and prosecuting violent offenders at record levels. Today's report provides a substantive blueprint for this Administration's next steps to protect our young people. The Department of Justice will continue to support first responders and provide training for law enforcement officers and school personnel. I want to thank all of my fellow commissioners for their hard work on this report and thank the President for making our kids a priority."
- **U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex Azar** added, "Improving Americans' mental health to help make our schools, communities, and families safer and healthier is an urgent challenge and a priority for the Trump Administration. We know that rates of mental illness continue to be of great concern, and the Commission's findings show an urgent need to identify youth at risk for mental illness and connect them with needed treatment and services. Making these connections to treatment within schools can be an important step toward improved mental health for our children and increased safety in our schools."
- **Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen M. Nielsen** said, "I am proud of the work of the Federal Commission on School Safety, which today offers a bold vision of secure and violence-free schools. This report provides actionable recommendations for communities, schools, and students to protect themselves and prevent acts of violence. The Department of Homeland Security is committed to the security of all Americans and will continue to work with our partners toward ending school violence."

### **Roundtable Discussion**

You can find a complete transcript of the Roundtable Discussion here: [Remarks in Roundtable Discussion on the Federal Commission on School Safety Report](#)

Sincerely,

**The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs**

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## **President Trump Is Committed To Making Our Schools Safer**

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*"We must also work together to create a culture in our country that embraces the dignity of life, that creates deep and meaningful human connections, and that turns classmates and colleagues into friends and neighbors."*  
– President Donald J. Trump

**PROVIDING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT: President Donald J. Trump's Commission on School Safety examined ways to make our schools safe for all students and teachers.**

- President Trump's School Safety Commission is releasing its report and recommendations on how to address school safety and violence.
  - The President established the Commission following the tragic shooting in Parkland, Florida, and placed it under the leadership of Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos.
  - The President directed the Commission to make a comprehensive assessment of the issue of school violence and to make policy recommendations to keep our schools safe.
- The Commission listened to students, parents, teachers, administrators, counselors, law enforcement, mental health professionals, security personnel, and others.
  - The Commission hosted meetings, field visits, and listening sessions across 8 States and the District of Columbia and reviewed more than 1,500 comments from the public.
- Understanding that each community has a unique set of school safety needs without a one-size-fits-all solution, the Commission offered recommendations, to be adopted as appropriate.

**PREVENTING SCHOOL VIOLENCE: The Commission offered a number of recommendations to improve school cultures and help prevent acts of school violence.**

- Schools and communities must take a comprehensive approach to making sure school campuses are safe places for learning and growth.
- The Commission's report emphasizes the importance of improving access to mental health services as a vital means of reducing school violence.
  - This includes identifying youth at risk for mental illness and connecting them with needed treatment, services, and support.
  - The Commission advocates the development of model State legislation on compelling treatment for individuals with serious mental illness.
  - One analysis found that up to 25 percent of mass shooters had been treated for mental illnesses, and more than 75 percent had prior symptoms of mental illness.
- The Commission endorses Extreme Risk Protection Order laws, which give authorities a temporary way to keep those who threaten society from possessing or purchasing firearms.
- The Commission encourages media to consider adopting the principles of the "No Notoriety" campaign, which calls on media coverage to not use names or photos of killers.

**PROTECTING STUDENTS: The Commission laid out recommendations to improve the physical security of schools and ensure trained personnel are in place to respond to threats.**

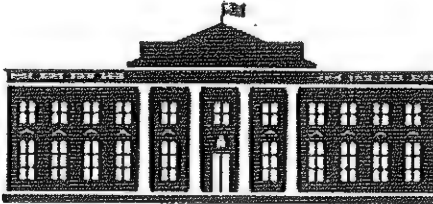
- While all schools have different needs for physical security, there are common principles that should be applied, such as identifying security gaps and using layers of security.
  - The primary responsibility for the security of schools rests with States and local communities, which are best able to tailor solutions to fit their own unique needs.
- The Commission supports a number of methods to fund training, planning, personnel, and equipment to improve school security.
- The Commission recommends that the Federal Government develop a clearinghouse to assess, identify, and share best practices related to school security measures.



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**From:** FN-WHO-State Government <IGA.state@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 11, 2018 12:52 PM  
**Cc:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO; Carter, Britt S. EOP/WHO; Michael, Zachery T. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** EPA and Army Propose New "Waters of the United States" Definition



**White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs**

Local Elected Officials and Leaders,

Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of the Army (Army) proposed a clear, understandable, and implementable definition of “waters of the United States” that clarifies federal authority under the Clean Water Act. Unlike the Obama administration's 2015 definition of “waters of the United States,” today’s proposal contains a straightforward definition that would result in significant cost savings, protect the nation’s navigable waters, help sustain economic growth, and reduce barriers to business development. You can read more from EPA’s press release [here](#) ([EPA and Army Propose New "Waters of the United States" Definition](#)).

We would also like to highlight a recent op-ed from EPA Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler: [“Trump Administration’s Waters of the United States Rule Gives Power Back to State”](#)

**Additional Information**

- Proposed Revised Definition of “Waters of the United States” ([click here](#))
- Fact Sheets
  - Overview of the Proposed Revised Definition of “Waters of the United States” ([click here](#))
  - Responding to Public Input ([click here](#))
  - Economic Analysis ([click here](#))
  - Key Changes ([click here](#))
- Economic Analysis for the Proposed Revised Definition of “Waters of the United States” ([click here](#))
- Resource and Programmatic Assessment for the Proposed Revised Definition of “Waters of the United States” ([click here](#))
- Public Listening Session: EPA and the Army will hold a public listening session on the proposed "Revised Definition of Waters of the United States" on Wednesday, January 23, 2018 at The Reardon Convention Center in Kansas City, KS. A *Federal Register* notice will be published shortly with more details.
- Additional Resources ([click here](#))

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**Sent:** Friday, December 07, 2018 4:29 PM  
**Cc:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO; Carter, Britt S. EOP/WHO; Michael, Zachery T. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** WH IGA INVITATION (12/10): EPA Briefing Call on Upcoming Water Policy Announcement



### **White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs**

Local Elected Officials and Leaders,

On Monday, December 10, 2018, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is holding a background briefing call on an upcoming water policy announcement. Please join Acting EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler, Assistant EPA Administrator for Water David Ross, and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) Ryan Fisher to learn more about an upcoming regulatory proposal. We hope that you will be able to join.

**What:** EPA Briefing Call on Upcoming Water Policy Announcement

**When:** Monday, December 10, 3:15 PM EST

**Dian-In:** Toll Free Dial-In Number: 877-317-0679 / Passcode: 7192028

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### **Frequently Asked Questions**

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**From:** FN-WHO-State Government <IGA.state@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2018 10:28 AM  
**Subject:** President Donald J. Trump is Upholding the Rule of Law and Ensuring Consequences for Those Who Illegally Cross Our Border  
**Attachments:** The Southern Border By The Numbers.pdf; Background Press Call on Preventing Illegal Entry at the Southwest Border....pdf

Attorneys General,

Last week, President Trump took action to ensure asylum is not a free pass to cross our borders illegally without consequence. The Trump Administration is rightfully and fully restoring the rule of law on our southern border. Our Nation is experiencing an unprecedented crisis on our southern border, driven in part by fraud and abuse that has overwhelmed our asylum system. Below and attached you will find additional information. Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or comments.

- **Presidential Proclamation** – Addressing Mass Migration Through the Southern Border of the United States ([here](#))
- **POTUS Remarks** – Remarks by President Trump on Illegal Immigration Crisis and Border Security ([here](#))
- **Fact Sheet** – President Donald J. Trump is Upholding the Rule of Law and Ensuring Consequences for Those Who Illegally Cross Our Border ([here](#))
- **Fact Sheet** – Confronting the Urgent Crisis at the Border ([here](#))
- **Additional Information** – The Southern Border By The Number (Attached)
- **Transcript** – Background Pres Call on Preventing Illegal Entry at the Southwest Border (Attached)

Thank you,

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**From:** FN-WHO-State Government <IGA.state@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 31, 2018 1:28 PM  
**Subject:** DHS: CATCH-AND-RELEASE LOOPHOLES HAVE SPARKED A CRISIS AT OUR BORDER

Attorneys General,

Please see the below information from the Department of Homeland Security.

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### **CATCH-AND-RELEASE LOOPHOLES HAVE SPARKED A CRISIS AT OUR BORDER**

- Our nation is experiencing an unprecedented crisis on our Southern Border that is the result of three very specific loopholes— created by federal law and a 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit court ruling— that prevent the detention and repatriation of illegal alien minors and family units.
  - FY18 is the highest number of family unit apprehensions on record – it is more than 40% higher than any previous year on record. The number of family units along the Southwest border increased 22% from August to September.
- As a result of these loopholes, when illegal alien minors or adults traveling with minors unlawfully enter the United States, rather than being detained and removed, they are released into American communities. Once released, they are ever rarely removed.
- Knowledge of these loopholes has led to a dramatic transformation in the population of those seeking to enter our country illegally. Whereas previously, CBP was primarily apprehending single adults, now CBP is experiencing an influx of minors and adults traveling with minors seeking to enter illegally.

<b>Fiscal Year 2000</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2018</b>
In FY 2000, CBP apprehended 1.6 million migrants attempting to illegally enter the U.S.	In FY18, CBP apprehended 400,000 migrants attempting to illegally enter the U.S.
In FY 2000, 98% of CBP apprehensions were Mexican nationals.	In FY18, 56% of CBP apprehensions were Central American
In FY 2000, CBP apprehensions were primarily single adults and, as such, 95% of apprehensions were repatriated within hours.	In FY18, nearly half of all illegal migrants apprehended by CBP were family units or unaccompanied minors (i.e. are individuals for whom DHS cannot deliver legal consequences and who are instead released into the U.S. interior).

- The three major loopholes that cripple immigration enforcement are:
  1. **TVPPRA:** The Trafficking Victims Protections Reauthorization Act (TVPPRA) essentially results in the swift U.S. resettlement of all illegal migrants under the age of 18. It does this by mandating that that upon arrival, unaccompanied alien minors (UAC) must be transferred to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and, as soon as practicable, released into the U.S. interior to as a sponsor (generally a parent or a

relative, who themselves are often illegally present in the country). Once released, UACs are frequently allowed to stay.

- As a result, in just a few years, CBP has seen a sizeable increase in the number of UACs illegally entering the country. In 2010, Border Patrol apprehended 18,622 UACs. In 2018, Border Patrol apprehended 50,036 UACs—i.e. an increase of 169% in just 8 years.

2. **The Flores Settlement Agreement:** A 9<sup>th</sup> circuit ruling requires the release of family units (i.e. illegal alien adults traveling with a minor) after 20 days, even though it takes far longer to complete their immigration proceedings. As such, migrants know that their short stay in a U.S. detention facility is essentially just a waiting stop before they receive a bus ticket to their chosen U.S. city.

- In 2013, Border Patrol apprehended 14,855 FMUA. In 2018, Border Patrol apprehended 107,212 FMUA—i.e. an increase of more than 620% in just 5 years.

3. **Weak Asylum Laws:** Low standards for claiming asylum has allowed migrants with meritless claims to illegally cross the border, claim “credible fear”, and then be automatically released into lengthy proceedings that far exceed DHS’ ability to detain them.

- Before 2013, approximately 1 out of every 100 arriving aliens claimed credible fear and sought asylum. Today, that number is 1 out of every 10.
- In the last 8 years, these claims have spiked by a 1700%. Such asylum fraud and abuse has contributed to a court backlog, which is now over 600,000 cases.
- Approximately 80% of individuals from Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador passed their initial credible fear screening – but at the end of the day only 20% were granted asylum by a judge.
- The overall screen-in rate for the 4/11/18 to 6/6/18 “caravan” was 93%, with 374 out of 401 claims receiving credible fear referrals.
- NOTE: Not only is economic migration not a legitimate grounds for asylum, but the conditions in many of these countries have been steadily improving as migration from them has increased. Homicide rates in Honduras have been cut in half since 2012, and Guatemala’s are at their lowest level since 2000. El Salvador has seen enough job growth in recent years to justify the return of those who were unable to come home after earthquakes in the 2000s. Additionally, even if jobs were not on the rise, economic conditions are *not* part of the statutory criteria for granting asylum.

- The result of these loopholes is that smugglers and illegal migrants know that if they arrive in the U.S. illegally as a minor (or arrive with a minor), they can benefit from catch-and-release and then disappear into the interior of the country.

- Every three days DHS apprehends the number of family units we are able to remove in an entire year.

- To demonstrate the nature of the problem. Of the illegal alien apprehended in FY17:

- 82% of single adults had been repatriated
- 91% of Mexican single adults had been repatriated
- Only 1.1% of non-Mexican family unit aliens had been repatriated
- Only 1.8% of non-Mexican unaccompanied alien minors had been repatriated.

- Family units that are released into the interior can stay on alternatives to detention (ATD) for 8 years while they go through immigration proceedings. ICE’s overall Average Length of Stay (ALOS) in detention is 39.8 days, but the average length of time for an alien to remain on a non-detained docket is close to 1300 days. The most important factor that determines if an alien will actually be removed when a final order is issued is whether the person is in detention when the final removal order is issued. In FY17, only 1% of the 226,119 removals conducted by ICE were on ATD.

- In FY17, CBP apprehended 94,285 family unit aliens from Central America (i.e. aliens for whom we cannot deliver a legal consequence). Of those 94,285 Central American family units apprehended at the border last year, 98.6% remain in the country today.

- In FY17, CBP apprehended 31,754 UACs from the Northern Triangle of Central America. Of those, 98.2 percent remain in the country today.

- The only way to fix this is to close catch-and-release loopholes by (1) tightening the standards for claiming asylum so that only legitimate claims are granted relief and (2) granting DHS the authority to detain and remove illegal family unit aliens together and (3) modifying the TVPRA so illegal alien minors can be returned home.



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**From:** FN-WHO-State Government <IGA.state@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 24, 2018 6:44 AM  
**Subject:** What You Need To Know About The Allegations Made In The New Yorker Article On Judge Brett Kavanaugh

State and Local Leaders,

We wanted to make sure you saw this information below regarding Judge Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the Supreme Court of the United States.

### **Statement from Judge Brett Kavanaugh:**

"This alleged event from 35 years ago did not happen. The people who knew me then know that this did not happen, and have said so. This is a smear, plain and simple. I look forward to testifying on Thursday about the truth, and defending my good name--and the reputation for character and integrity I have spent a lifetime building--against these last-minute allegations."

### **Statement from White House Spokesperson Kerri Kupec**

"This 35-year-old, uncorroborated claim is the latest in a coordinated smear campaign by the Democrats designed to tear down a good man. This claim is denied by all who were said to be present and is wholly inconsistent with what many women and men who knew Judge Kavanaugh at the time in college say. The White House stands firmly behind Judge Kavanaugh."

### **New York Times Severely Undercuts New Yorker Story**

Many questions have been raised about the New Yorker's story on Debbie Ramirez's allegation. But this excerpt in the New York Times is the most damning.

"The Times had interviewed several dozen people over the past week in an attempt to corroborate her story, and could find no one with firsthand knowledge. Ms. Ramirez herself contacted former Yale classmates asking if they recalled the incident and told some of them that she could not be certain Mr. Kavanaugh was the one who exposed himself." Article Here: <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/09/23/us/politics/brett-kavanaugh-christine-blasey-ford-testify.html>

### **What You Need To Know About The Allegations Made In The New Yorker Article On Judge Brett Kavanaugh**

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The accuser, Deborah Ramirez, admits in *The New Yorker's* piece that there were "significant gaps" in her memories about the event.

- "She was at first hesitant to speak publicly, partly because her memories contained gaps because she had been drinking at the time of the alleged incident."
- "Ramirez acknowledged that there are significant gaps in her memories of the evening..."

By *The New Yorker's* own admission, Ramirez was reluctant to speak with certainty on the allegation.

- "In her initial conversations with *The New Yorker*, she was reluctant to characterize Kavanaugh's role in the alleged incident with certainty."

It took six days of "assessing her memories" for Ramirez to say she recalled Kavanaugh committing the alleged incident, and that came only after consulting with an attorney provided by the Democrats.

- “After six days of carefully assessing her memories and consulting with her attorney, Ramirez said that she felt confident enough of her recollections...”
- “Senate aides from Ramirez’s home state of Colorado alerted a lawyer, Stanley Garnett, a former Democratic district attorney in Boulder, who currently represents her.”

***The New Yorker* admits it has not confirmed through eyewitnesses Kavanaugh was even present at the party and other students who knew Kavanaugh said they never heard of the incident.**

- “*The New Yorker* has not confirmed with other eyewitnesses that Kavanaugh was present at the party.”
- “In a statement, two of those male classmates who Ramirez alleged were involved in the incident, the wife of a third male student she said was involved, and three other classmates, Dino Ewing, Louisa Garry, and Dan Murphy, disputed Ramirez’s account of events...”
- “We were the people closest to Brett Kavanaugh during his first year at Yale. He was a roommate to some of us, and we spent a great deal of time with him, including in the dorm where this incident allegedly took place.”
- “Some of us were also friends with Debbie Ramirez during and after her time at Yale. We can say with confidence that if the incident Debbie alleges ever occurred, we would have seen or heard about it—and we did not.”

**Further, those classmates said that the allegations in the story would be completely out of character for Kavanaugh.**

- “The behavior she describes would be completely out of character for Brett.”

**A former student who was best friends with Ramirez said she never told her about the incident despite how close they were.**

- “The former friend who was married to the male classmate alleged to be involved, and who signed the statement, said of Ramirez, ‘This is a woman I was best friends with. We shared intimate details of our lives. And I was never told this story by her, or by anyone else. It never came up. I didn’t see it; I never heard of it happening.’”

Thank you,

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**From:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 08, 2019 7:20 AM  
**Cc:** 'Reynolds, Cody'  
**Subject:** Student Loan Discharge Process for Disabled Veterans

Attorneys General,

I wanted to reach out to you regarding conversation around discharging federal student loans for disabled veterans. I have included a press release below regarding steps the Department of Education and the Department of Veterans Affairs have taken to simplify the student loan discharge process for disabled veterans.

Per the Department of Education (ED), ED and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) proactively identify eligible veterans. ED then sends eligible veterans a letter, which they must sign and send back for discharge of loan. Due to the potential state tax implications that may impact each qualifying veteran differently, the Department cannot automatically discharge the loans without proper consent. There are also potential implications around automatic discharge in relation to qualification for future federal student aid.

I have cc'd my Intergovernmental Affairs colleague Cody Reynolds from the Department of Education if you have additional questions.

**U.S. Department of Education and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Team Up to Simplify Student Loan Discharge Process for Disabled Veterans**

April 16, 2018

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Department of Education (Department) has partnered with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to make it easier for America's disabled veterans to have their federal student loans discharged. "Our nation's veterans have sacrificed much for our country. It is important that, in return, we do all we can to give them the support and care they deserve," U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos said. "Simplifying the loan forgiveness process and proactively identifying veterans with federal student loans who may be eligible for a discharge is a small but critical way we can show our gratitude for veterans' service."

Acting VA Secretary Robert Wilkie said, "The hard work put into this important initiative by two large federal agencies for our veterans and their families is impressive in scope and further underscores VA's values. I want to thank Secretary DeVos and her team for partnering in this wonderful effort for those who have given so much."

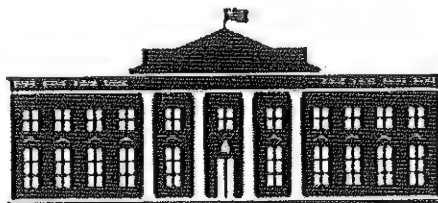
Starting this month, the Department will begin matching borrowers on the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS®), who have federal student loans or aid through the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program, to the VA database. Borrowers positively identified in the match will be mailed a customized letter that will explain eligibility for loan discharge and include a total and permanent disability (TPD) application. The borrower can sign and return the application to complete the process of applying for a TPD discharge. For more information about TPD discharge, including the TPD discharge application, visit [disabilitydischarge.com](https://disabilitydischarge.com).

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**From:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 05, 2019 6:30 PM  
**Subject:** WH IGA: Must-Share Message | SOTU EXCERPTS



### **White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs**

State and Local Leaders,

Below are some excerpts (as prepared for delivery) from the President's State of the Union.

We welcome your feedback and support. If you do make statements on social media or otherwise, please feel free to share with our office.

Thank you.

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## **Must-Share Message | SOTU EXCERPTS**

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### **SOTU Excerpts (as prepared for delivery):**

- The agenda I will lay out this evening is not a Republican Agenda or a Democrat Agenda. It is the agenda of the American People.
- In the 20th century, America saved freedom, transformed science, and redefined the middle class standard of living for the entire world to see. Now, we must step boldly and bravely into the next chapter of this Great American Adventure, and we must create a new standard of living for the 21st century.

- Together, we can break decades of political stalemate. We can bridge old divisions, heal old wounds, build new coalitions, forge new solutions, and unlock the extraordinary promise of America's future. The decision is ours to make.
- Over the last two years, my administration has moved with urgency and historic speed to confront problems neglected by leaders of BOTH parties over many decades.
- We have unleashed a revolution in American Energy – the United States is now the number one producer of oil and natural gas in the world.
- After 24 months of rapid progress, our economy is the envy of the world, our military is the most powerful on earth, and America is winning each and every day.
- Last year, I heard through friends the story of Alice Johnson. I was deeply moved. In 1997, Alice was sentenced to life in prison as a first-time non-violent drug offender. Over the next two decades, she became a prison minister, inspiring others to choose a better path... Alice's story underscores the disparities and unfairness that can exist in criminal sentencing – and the need to remedy this injustice.
- We have a moral duty to create an immigration system that protects the lives and jobs of our citizens.
- No issue better illustrates the divide between America's working class and America's political class than illegal immigration. Wealthy politicians and donors push for open borders while living their lives behind walls and gates and guards.
- All Americans can be proud that we have more women in the workforce than ever before...
- To build on our incredible economic success, one priority is paramount: reversing decades of calamitous trade policies.
- Both parties should be able to unite for a great rebuilding of America's crumbling infrastructure.
- It is unacceptable that Americans pay vastly more than people in other countries for the exact same drugs, often made in the exact same place. This is wrong, unfair, and together we can stop it.
- We stand with the Venezuelan people in their noble quest for freedom...
- As a candidate for President, I pledged a new approach. Great nations do not fight endless wars.
- We will not avert our eyes from a regime that chants Death to America and threatens genocide against the Jewish People

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**From:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 05, 2019 2:31 PM  
**To:** Brnovich, Mark  
**Subject:** RE: WH IGA (Preview): President Donald J. Trump's State of the Union Address

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**From:** Brnovich, Mark <Mark.Brnovich@azag.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 5, 2019 4:28 PM  
**To:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: WH IGA (Preview): President Donald J. Trump's State of the Union Address

"It shouldn't be easier for human traffickers and drug smugglers to pass our border, then it is to pass meaningful legislation. Let's get away from fixing blame and move forward with fixing our problems. I urge Congress to work with the President and create security and stability for everyone living here."

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**From:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO [mailto:William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 05, 2019 1:36 PM  
**Subject:** WH IGA (Preview): President Donald J. Trump's State of the Union Address



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Tonight, at 9 p.m. ET, President Donald J. Trump will deliver his second State of the Union Address. Below, please find a preview of the President's Address. We ask that you please do not distribute.

We welcome your feedback and support. If you do make statements on social media or otherwise, please feel free to share with our office.

Thank you.

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# PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP'S STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS | MESSAGING PREVIEW

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## TOPLINE TALKERS

- The theme of the State of the Union is **CHOOSING GREATNESS**. In his address, the President will:
  - Cast an inspiring vision of American greatness;
  - Outline a policy agenda that both parties can rally behind to achieve this vision;
  - Express confidence in this hopeful future;
  - And encourage Congress to reject the politics of resistance and retribution and instead adopt a spirit of cooperation and compromise.

## SPEECH EXCERPT AS PREPARED FOR DELIVERY

"Together, we can break decades of political stalemate. We can bridge old divisions, heal old wounds, build new coalitions, forge new solutions, and unlock the extraordinary promise of America's future. The decision is ours to make."

## TOP ISSUES

- **Safe and Legal Immigration System** – The President will reaffirm his determination to stop illegal immigration, human trafficking, and the flow of drugs and crime.
- **Protecting American Workers** – President Trump is fighting for the American workers who have been hurt by decades of flawed trade deals. The President will address key trade priorities, including our trading relationship with China and the need to pass the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement.
- **Rebuilding America** – The President will ask Congress to produce an infrastructure package that invests in vital national infrastructure projects.
- **Lowering the Cost of Healthcare and Prescription Drugs** – The President will call on Congress to support the Administration's efforts to lower the costs of healthcare and prescription drugs.
- **Protecting America's National Security** - The President will update Congress on diplomatic and military efforts around the world, and reaffirm his determination to protect American interests and end our endless foreign wars.

## KEY MESSAGES SPEECH WILL COMMUNICATE

- Extraordinary bipartisan achievements in this Congress are possible, as we have proved.
- President Trump is a problem solver and will offer common sense, bipartisan solutions.
- At a time when America's economy is stronger than ever, he will propose policies to expand prosperity and make possible an amazing quality of life for all our citizens.
- Having restored America's leadership around the world, he will cast a vision for greater security and peace.
- People will be reminded how much President Trump has accomplished for ALL Americans and will be reminded of the broad appeal of the President's agenda.

## DIGITAL ACCOUNTS/RESOURCES

- Twitter: [@WhiteHouse](#); [@realDonaldTrump](#); [@LaCasaBlanca](#)
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Sure -- should be open for the next hour -- call when convenient for you.

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I have a 15 -20 minute meeting in a minute, then am available.

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**Where:** The White House (Washington, D.C.)

**Register:** [Click Here](#)

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**To:** Sciarrotta, Joseph  
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Joe – chance for a quick call?

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**From:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Monday, January 14, 2019 3:58 PM  
**To:** 'Sciarrotta, Joseph' <Joseph.Sciarrotta@azag.gov>  
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Joe – do you have a minute for a quick call? 202-456-8491

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**Sent:** Monday, January 14, 2019 2:37 PM  
**To:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: INVITATION (1/11): Border Security & Safe Communities Roundtable

Thanks William. I have made an inquiry and will let you know.

Joe

Joseph Sciarrotta, Jr.  
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Thank you Joe. Michael Bailey had mentioned the office was working on a letter re border security, do you have an update on that? Great meeting you.

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**From:** Sciarrotta, Joseph <Joseph.Sciarrotta@azag.gov>  
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William: Excellent meeting today. Important information was shared. Appreciate the opportunity. AZ AGO stands ready to assist your office. Just let us know.

Best,

Joe

On Jan 10, 2019, at 8:17 PM, Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov> wrote:

**Arrival Instructions for the Roundtable**

- **Date:** Friday, January 11
- **Time:** Please plan to arrive at the White House Complex by 1:45 p.m. The roundtable will begin at 2:30 p.m. and is expected to last 45 minutes.
- **Location:** Please enter at 17<sup>th</sup> Street and State Place (on the Southwest side of the White House complex)
- **Arrival Logistics:** You will present your ID to Secret Service and go through security which is similar to what you see at the airport. Someone from our team will greet and escort you to the meeting.
- **POC:** William Crozer (202-456-8491) or Katie Lagomarsino (202-881-9205)

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No worries. Thanks very much.

Regards,

Joe

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Joe. Will send. My apologies. You're all set.

On Jan 10, 2019, at 7:48 PM, Sciarrotta, Joseph <Joseph.Sciarrotta@azag.gov> wrote:

William: In Dallas making the connection to DC. I have not received any follow up email from my Registration and was just checking in for the Friday afternoon meeting. I assume any background check takes time in the normal course.

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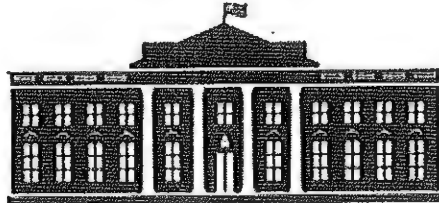
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**Subject:** WH IGA: Bill Barr's Unrivaled Qualifications Make Him the Clear Choice for Attorney General



### White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

Attorneys General,

President Donald J. Trump has nominated Attorney General Bill Barr to be the next United States Attorney General. Bill Barr's has a record of upholding the rule of law and the Constitution. His unrivaled qualifications make him the clear choice for Attorney General. Below you will find more information about Bill Barr and his qualifications.

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## What You Need To Know | Bill Barr's Record of Upholding the Rule of Law and the Constitution

**UPHOLDING THE RULE OF LAW AND DEFENDING THE BORDER:** Bill Barr has taken a strong stand to uphold the rule of law, defend our border, and fight illegal immigration.

- While Attorney General, Barr rolled out an extensive plan to increase border security and fight illegal immigration.
- Barr's proposal included hiring 300 new Border Patrol Agents to stop illegal aliens and drugs from coming across our border.
- Barr proposed hiring 200 investigators to combat illegal immigration and crime committed by illegal aliens.
  - Under Barr's plan, most of these investigators would be assigned to locate and deport criminal aliens and work with task forces targeting violent crime and street gangs.
- Barr called for the creation of a National Criminal Alien Tracking Center to help law enforcement identify, locate, and track criminal aliens.

**STRONG ON CRIME AND NATIONAL SECURITY: Barr has spent years working to protect the safety and security of all Americans.**

- Barr made cracking down on violent crime and gangs some of his top priorities while leading the Department of Justice.
  - Barr supported new, innovative programs to combat the growing surge of violent crime and gangs facing the country at the time.
  - Barr dedicated more resources to counter the rise in violent crime, including transferring hundreds agents to violent crime investigations.
- While at the Department of Justice, Barr oversaw the investigation of the Pan Am 103 bombing and coordinated counter-terrorism activities during the First Gulf War.
- Early in his career, Barr served as an analyst and assistant legislative counsel at the Central Intelligence Agency.

**STANDING AGAINST OVERREGULATION: Barr has a record of supporting free enterprise and opposing overregulation.**

- Barr spent more than a decade as General Counsel and Executive Vice President at Verizon and its predecessor company, helping to challenge overregulation.
- During his time in the private sector, Barr played a key role in achieving deregulation in the telecommunications sector.
- Barr's deregulation efforts helped lay the ground work for the wide-scale deployment of broadband.
  - Barr's work involved arguing numerous cases in Federal courts of appeals and multiple cases before the Supreme Court.
- After leaving Verizon, Barr continued to work on regulatory litigation.

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**Bill Barr's Unrivaled Qualifications Make Him the Clear Choice for Attorney General**

*"[Barr] was my first choice from day one. Respected by Republicans and respected by Democrats."*  
– President Donald J. Trump

**UNQUESTIONABLY QUALIFIED: President Donald J. Trump selected Bill Barr for Attorney General due to his unrivaled experience and qualifications.**

- Bill Barr is a highly respected lawyer and former Attorney General and the right choice to once again lead the Department of Justice.
- Barr has invaluable and unparalleled experience as the head of the Department of Justice, having served as Attorney General from 1991 to 1993.
  - While serving as Attorney General, Barr established innovative programs to combat violent crime and illegal immigration.
  - Barr earned the widespread respect of everyone he worked with, including the career attorneys at the Department of Justice.
- Prior to his nomination as Attorney General, Barr served as an Assistant Attorney General in 1989 and Deputy Attorney General from 1989 to 1991.
- Barr also has years of experience practicing law at the highest level in the private sector.
  - Barr served as General Counsel and Executive Vice President for Verizon, and its predecessor company, for more than a decade.
  - Barr has litigated cases before the United States Supreme Court and the European Commission.

**UNANIMOUSLY CONFIRMED: Barr was unanimously confirmed multiple times by a Democratic controlled Senate during his previous time with the DOJ.**

- Not a single Senator voted against Barr during his confirmations for Assistant Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, or Attorney General.
  - Barr was confirmed each time under a Democratic controlled Senate.
- Barr was confirmed unanimously by voice vote following his nomination to Attorney General by former President George H.W. Bush in 1991.
  - The Senate Judiciary Committee, led by then-Sen. Joe Biden, unanimously recommended Barr for confirmation.
- The Senate confirmed Barr by unanimous consent to be Deputy Attorney General and Assistant Attorney General.

**SUPPORTED BY BOTH SIDES: Barr received overwhelming praise from both sides of the aisle during his 1991 confirmation to Attorney General. Q**

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- **Date:** Friday, January 11
- **Time:** Please plan to arrive at the White House Complex by 1:45 p.m. The roundtable will begin at 2:30 p.m. and is expected to last 45 minutes.
- **Location:** Please enter at 17<sup>th</sup> Street and State Place (on the Southwest side of the White House complex)
- **Arrival Logistics:** You will present your ID to Secret Service and go through security which is similar to what you see at the airport. Someone from our team will greet and escort you to the meeting.
- **POC:** William Crozer (202-456-8491) or Katie Lagomarsino (202-881-9205)

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No worries. Thanks very much.

Regards,

Joe

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Joe. Will send. My apologies. You're all set.

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William: In Dallas making the connection to DC. I have not received any follow up email from my Registration and was just checking in for the Friday afternoon meeting. I assume any background check takes time in the normal course.

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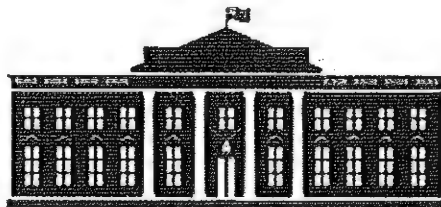
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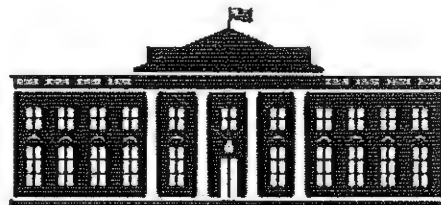
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Mike – can you give me a call when you have a minute?

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Dom,

The White House is trying to set up a call to continue discussions on the capital sentencing matter. I just got off the phone with William Crozer, copied here. William is trying to coordinate the time with a number of different offices for the call (including Gov. Ducey's office and reps from other states).

He has proposed October 10 at 2, 2:30, or 3. Please reply to William and confirm whether all of those times would work for you.

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**Subject:** Background: William P. Barr Nomination for U.S. Attorney General



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Attorneys General,

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Below you will find more information on Barr’s nomination and qualifications. **We encourage you to share statements (quotes, letters, social media, or otherwise) supporting President Trump’s nominee.**

### **I. Background and Qualifications**

- **Barr has unparalleled experience leading the Department of Justice.**
  - Barr served as the 77th Attorney General in the George H.W. Administration from 1991 to 1993.
    - Prior to that, Barr served as Deputy Attorney General and Assistant Attorney General.
  - Barr provided incredible leadership during his time heading the Department of Justice, working to keep America safe and uphold the rule of law.
    - While at the DOJ, Barr launched innovative programs to combat violent crime and illegal immigration
- **Barr received unanimous support during his prior nomination to Attorney General**
  - Recognizing his superb qualifications, the Democrat-controlled Senate confirmed Barr by unanimous voice vote in 1991.
    - Barr was also recommended unanimously by the Senate Judiciary Committee for confirmation.
  - Throughout the confirmation process, Democrats could not deny Barr’s talent, expertise, and character.
    - Then-Senate Judiciary Chairman Joe Biden stated Barr had shown a “commitment to the public interest above all else.”

- Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-MA) praised Barr's "distinguished record of public service" and called his efforts to enforce civil rights laws "noteworthy and commendable."
- Sen. Herb Kohl (D-WI) said Barr would care about "what is constitutionally sound" rather than good soundbites.
- Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT) called Barr "an independent voice for all Americans."
- **Barr is a highly respected attorney with years of experience practicing law at the highest level**
  - Barr has litigated cases before the United State Supreme Court and the European Commission
  - Barr has more than a decade of senior corporate experience practicing law.
    - Barr served as the General Counsel and Executive Vice President of Verizon Communications from the company's founding in 2000 to 2008.
    - From 1994-2000, Barr served as General Counsel and Executive Vice President of GTE Corporation.
    - During this time, he helped to pave the way for the wide-scale deployment of broadband Internet in the United States

## II. Independence

Critics of Attorney General Barr's nomination have questioned whether he will act independently as United States Attorney General. His breadth of experience in both the public and private sectors demonstrate that he is an independent-minded lawyer who will duly execute the duties of office.

- **Attorney General William P. Barr is an independent-minded man, dedicated to seeing that Justice is done and that our Nation's laws will be enforced with integrity. He will never let political considerations influence his decision-making.**
- **Attorney General Barr's previous tenure at the Department of Justice demonstrates his commitment to these principles:**
  - His paramount goal at the Department was to ensure the even-handed application of the law: the same standards apply to everybody.
  - He did not arrogate power for the Presidency or Executive Branch, even when it would have been convenient to do so.
    - He rejected requests to find a Constitutional right to a line-item veto, which would have allowed President George H.W. Bush to slash parts of bills he did not agree with. (The Supreme Court later echoed his analysis in striking down the Line Item Veto Act as unconstitutional.)
- **In the private sector, his advice and judgment have been trusted by some of America's largest, most prestigious companies—like Verizon and Time Warner—precisely because of his reputation for independence and sound judgment.**

Michael Mukasey, who served as U.S. Attorney General from 2007-09 and as a U.S. District Court Judge from 1988-2006, recently penned an op-ed addressing critics of Barr's nomination. He states, in part: William Barr is probably the best-qualified nominee for U.S. attorney general since Robert Jackson in 1940." He goes on to state, "The logical implication of opposing Mr. Barr's appointment or seeking his recusal because he has opined on a matter of substantial public concern is that the only people suitable for public office are those who are ignorant of public issues or indifferent to them.

That in itself should silence his critics.” The op-ed can be found here: [The Phony Attack on William Barr](#).

Sincerely,

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**From:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2018 3:01 PM  
**Subject:** President Trump Holds Roundtable on the FIRST STEP Act  
**Attachments:** Additional Information - President Trump Calls On Congress To Pass The F....pdf; Sheriff Letter.PDF

Attorneys General,

Last week, President Trump participated in a First Step Roundtable with Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant and law enforcement leaders. President Trump explained his support for the FIRST STEP Act, a bill that will bring much-needed reform to America's prison system. "I think we all want the same thing," the President said. "We want safer communities. We want people to have better opportunities and a better life."

The legislation, which is drawing strong bipartisan support, would enact reasonable sentencing reforms to ensure fairness while keeping the most dangerous criminals off the street.

Below you will find more information, including a recap of the Roundtable (video and transcript) as well as support the effort is receiving across the country. Information is also attached, including a comprehensive overview and a letter of support from 59 sheriffs from across the country.

### Mississippi FIRST STEP Roundtable

- Video: [President Trump's Mississippi roundtable on the FIRST STEP Act](#)
- Transcript: [Remarks by President Trump at FIRST STEP Act Roundtable with Governor Bryant and Law Enforcement Leaders](#)

### What State and Local Leaders Are Saying

- The **National Governors Association (NGA)**: "The National Governors Association applauds Congress and the Trump Administration for moving closer to enacting S.3649, *the First Step Act*, and urges Congress to act quickly to advance this legislation." Complete statement [here](#).
- The **United State Conference of Mayors (USCM)**: "Nation's Mayors Register Bipartisan Support for First Step Act of 2018; Urge Swift Passage." Complete statement and letter [here](#).
- **National League of Cities (NLC)**: "NLC Applauds Bipartisan Federal Criminal Justice Reform Efforts." Complete statement [here](#).

Thank you.

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**From:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 19, 2018 11:15 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Invitation (10/20): Briefing Call on Prison and Sentencing Reform

Attorneys General,

I wanted to share a reminder before tomorrow's call on prison and sentencing reform. We will be joined by senior administration officials to discuss ongoing efforts.

**Prison and Sentencing Reform Call**

**What:** Administration Briefing Call on Prison and Sentencing Reform

**When:** Tuesday, November 20, 1:00PM EST

**Call Registration:** [Register Here](#) (\*\*you must successfully register to receive dial-in instructions for the call\*\*)

Thank you.

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White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

**From:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 17, 2018 12:04 PM  
**Subject:** Invitation (10/20): Briefing Call on Prison and Sentencing Reform

Attorneys General,

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs invites you to a briefing call on prison and sentencing reform. I have included registration instructions and pertinent background information below.

**What:** Administration Briefing Call on Prison and Sentencing Reform

**When:** Tuesday, November 20, 1:00PM EST

**Call Registration:** [Register Here](#) (\*\*you must successfully register to receive dial-in instructions for the call\*\*)

If you have any questions or issues registering for the call, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

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**President Trump Calls On Congress To Pass The First Step Act**

*"Our whole Nation benefits if former inmates are able to reenter society as productive, law-abiding citizens."* -- President Donald J. Trump

**CALLING FOR BIPARTISAN ACTION:** President Donald J. Trump is calling on Congress to take action and support the bipartisan prison reform legislation, the FIRST STEP Act.

- President Trump supports the FIRST STEP Act, which will help improve our Nation's criminal justice system.
- The FIRST STEP Act enjoys widespread support across the political spectrum.
  - Many of the reforms included in this legislation passed the House in an overwhelming, bipartisan vote of 360–59 in May 2018.
  - Republicans and Democrats in the Senate worked with the White House to craft a bipartisan sentencing reform compromise, which has been added to the legislation.
  - So far, seven major police organizations, over 2,700 faith and evangelical leaders, and hundreds of conservative organizations and leaders support this legislation.

**MAKING AMERICA SAFER AND FAIRER:** The FIRST STEP Act will reform America's prisons to make our communities safer and our justice system fairer.

- Nearly all incarcerated Americans will one day leave prison and the goal of this legislation is to make sure they do not return.
  - The FIRST STEP Act uses a targeted approach toward a specific population of Federal prisoners who will eventually be released.
- The FIRST STEP Act will promote prisoner participation in vocational training, educational coursework, or faith-based programs, and in turn help them successfully reenter society.
  - Prisoners will be able to earn credits that reduce the amount of time spent in prison.
  - As a result, prisoners will gain job skills, drug treatment, and education that prepare them to reenter American communities as productive members of society.
  - The legislation also seeks to place Federal inmates closer to their communities in order to facilitate family visitation.
- This is a true first step in creating a fairer justice system by reforming mandatory minimums, which have created racially discriminatory outcomes and increased overcrowding and costs.
  - The legislation reduces the enhanced penalties for certain non-violent repeat drug offenders and eliminates the three-strike mandatory life provision.
  - Certain nonviolent offenders will be able to petition courts for a review of their sentence, which can be reduced only after the judge reviews all circumstances, including public safety, criminal history, and the nature of the offense.

**IMPROVING THE PRISON SYSTEM:** Taking steps to better prepare inmates for reentry into our society and communities will help reduce recidivism.

- We can improve society for all by better equipping prisoners being released for successful reintegration into society.
- Today one-in-three American adults has some type of criminal record and more than two million Americans are in prisons, including 181,000 in Federal prison.
  - More than 95% of these prisoners will eventually leave prison and face the challenge of restarting and reintegrating their lives.
- Our prisons can do much more to prepare inmates for release, addressing the fact that roughly 77% of state inmates and 38% of federal inmates are rearrested within five years of release.

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## WHAT THEY ARE SAYING | LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FAITH LEADERS SUPPORT THE FIRST STEP ACT

*The FIRST STEP Act enjoys widespread support, including major law enforcement organizations and thousands of faith leaders.*

### FAITH LEADERS

- **More than 2,200 faith leaders recently signed a letter in support of the FIRST STEP Act:** “This legislation will improve public safety by implementing the use of risk assessment, individualized prison program plans, and opportunities for supervised release. The sentencing reforms will restore more proportional sentencing enhancements and allow for greater judicial flexibility in certain cases. This legislation will allow men and women in our federal prisons to return home sooner and better prepared to give back to their families and communities at their highest potential.”

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADERS**

- **Fraternal Order of Police:** “The President and his team have been working hard on this issue since Inauguration Day... We are proud to announce that by working together with the Administration and leaders on Capitol Hill we have a bill that will make our streets and neighborhoods safer, our police will be better protected and improve the ability of our criminal justice system to effectively rehabilitate officers... We have been proud to be a partner in this effort with President Trump and are grateful for his leadership and for his constant and unwavering support for law enforcement.”
- **International Association of Chiefs of Police:** “On behalf of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the world’s largest organization of law enforcement executives, I am writing on support of the FIRST STEP Act (S.2795/H.R. 5682). We applaud the bill sponsors and the Administration for working with the IACP and soliciting our feedback and for their commitment to ensure that the legislation achieves a proper balance of maintaining public safety while providing rehabilitation services and early release incentives to qualified federal prisoners.”
- **National District Attorneys Association:** “I write to support the revised First Step Act... As currently written, the revised First Step Act includes much needed prison reform provisions that will provide the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) with the guidance and resources to assist in lowering recidivism rates for low-risk prisoners... We appreciate your efforts, as well as the efforts of a bipartisan group of Members of Congress and staff, to ensure the American criminal justice system is continually improved upon and seen as a model for innovative and cutting-edge programming that we see in our own members’ offices every day.”
- **National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives:** “We applaud the White House and Congress for soliciting feedback from NOBLE and the law enforcement community in finalizing the content of this very important legislation. We feel the FIRST STEP Act strikes a balance between maintaining public safety while improving re-entry, rehabilitation, workforce training programs, and sentencing.”
- **Major County Sheriffs of America and Major Cities Chiefs Association:** “We are grateful that the White House has reached out to law enforcement leadership to examine and discuss criminal justice reform. We thank you for pledging your support for the men and women on the frontlines of law enforcement... We endorse the objectives of the First Step Act, and we commend the team that has worked tirelessly to reach this point... In partnership with the White House, we seek to achieve a balance between incentives and incarceration that promotes public safety and gives victims the justice they deserve.”
- **Law Enforcement Leaders to Reduce Crime & Incarceration:** “...the FIRST STEP Act and sentencing reform will improve public safety. Americans trust us, as law enforcement officers, to both secure the safety of their communities and advise policymakers on how to advance that goal... We are grateful for your unwavering leadership in prioritizing public safety and the critical issues facing law enforcement.”

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**From:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 25, 2018 9:06 AM  
**Subject:** FW: WTAS: Support For President Donald J. Trump's Signing of Landmark Opioid Legislation

Attorneys General,

Please find the below press release highlighting state and local support for President Donald Trump's signing of landmark opioid legislation (H.R. 6. SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act).

Thank you,

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
October 25, 2018

**WHAT THEY ARE SAYING:  
SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP'S SIGNING OF LANDMARK OPIOID  
LEGISLATION**

**Members of Congress & Administration Officials**

**Speaker of the House Paul Ryan (R-WI):** "Opioids have wrested the livelihood from so many, but there are no lost causes. The legislation signed by the president today gives community leaders—the people doing this vital work day in and day out—more resources to help people get clean and stay clean."

**Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY):** "Good news: @POTUS just signed the 'SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act,' a landmark #opioids bill that includes new programs to keep families safe. The bill takes steps to stop illegal drugs and synthetic opioids from crossing the border."

**Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn (R-TX):** "The opioid crisis has cut short tens of thousands of lives and broken countless families ... With the Substance Abuse Prevention Act signed into law, we can better support law enforcement and healthcare agencies tasked with reducing demand and helping those in rehabilitation. I applaud the President for signing it and Congress for working together because no state has been spared by this epidemic."

**House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA):** "Today marks another monumental step in the fight to end the deadliest drug epidemic in world history, which claims over 100 lives every single day. To give America the best chance to beat back the opioid crisis, Congress stood together and passed a landmark

legislative initiative. Today President Trump signed that bill into law."

**Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee Chairman Lamar Alexander (R-TN):** "This is the most important new health care law this year. ... [This law] represents the work of 8 committees in the House and 5 committees in the Senate who have worked together across party lines to help address the opioid crisis, which is hurting virtually every American community."

**House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Greg Walden (R-OR) and Health Subcommittee Chairman Michael Burgess (R-TX):** "This landmark legislation is the culmination of months of bipartisan work to combat the opioid crisis from every angle. H.R. 6 brings critical support to the communities most desperately in need, provides new tools and resources for those on the front lines of this crisis, and helps stop the flow of deadly drugs across our borders. Rarely can we say that legislation will save lives, but there is no doubt that H.R. 6 will do just that."

**House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA):** "With President Trump signing into law the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, we are providing more resources to help prevent addiction and provide treatment options for those addicted to opioids. I thank President Trump for his leadership on this issue and I was honored to be present at the White House for the signing today."

**Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK):** "Opioids have caused destruction for far too long. The SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act will create long-term solutions and help heal our families and communities, creating a safer future for our state and nation."

**Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE):** "I'm proud that Democrats and Republicans worked together to pass legislation that will provide critical tools to help states like Delaware combat the opioid epidemic. Today, the President signed that bipartisan legislation into law."

**Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL):** "President Trump's signing of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act today is an important step in combatting the opioid crisis plaguing communities in my home state of Florida and across our country."

**Sen. Johnny Isakson (R-GA):** "Today, @POTUS signed our comprehensive #opioidcrisis response legislation into law. We worked across party lines, committees and both chambers of Congress to pass this important legislation, and @SenLamarAlexander & @SenOrrinHatch deserve great credit."

**Sen. David Perdue (R-GA):** "We've got to stop the spread of opioids through our communities in GA & across the country. It's time to tackle this epidemic head on, and the law @POTUS just signed gives states the necessary tools to see that mission through."

**Sen. Todd Young (R-IN):** "This bipartisan opioid package is now law, meaning that more resources will be available in the fight against the devastating opioid epidemic. I introduced six bills that are included in this new law, which will help us better understand and treat opioid addiction in order to save lives in Indiana and across America."

**Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA):** "Today, important bipartisan opioid legislation was signed into law, which included my provision to expand access to medication-assisted treatment for families and communities impacted by the #OpioidEpidemic."

**Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME):** "The opioids package that was signed into law today is a major step forward in fighting this tragic epidemic. I'm pleased that my bipartisan proposals to allow the safe disposal of unused drugs in hospice and to bolster peer support networks were included in this legislation."

**Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN):** "Now that the STOP Act has been signed into law, our law enforcement agencies will have more tools to prevent synthetic drugs from being transported from overseas through our postal system. This bipartisan legislation is a major step forward in combatting the opioid crisis by stemming the flow of synthetic drugs into our country."

**Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT):** "We as a nation have taken the first step to curbing the drug crisis destroying our families and communities. I will continue to work with local and state law enforcement to help overcome this devastating reality once and for all."

**Sen. John Hoeven (R-ND):** "We appreciate the President signing into law this legislation to help combat opioid abuse and provide additional tools to help families and communities impacted by addiction. This legislation is comprehensive and supports prevention, treatment, recovery and law enforcement efforts."

**Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH):** "Getting the STOP Act signed into law is a big victory in our efforts to combat the opioid crisis and stop the influx of cheap, deadly synthetic drugs like fentanyl."

**Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV):** "Having put so much work into shaping this legislation, I was honored to be at the White House today as President Trump signed it into law. With the president's signature, we are able to finally deliver on our promise for a robust, comprehensive response to the opioid epidemic that is plaguing West Virginia and so many other state across the country."

**Rep. French Hill (R-AR):** "We've been working hard to combat the current prescription drug and opioid crisis. Today marks successful progress with the president signing into law this comprehensive opioid bill that includes nearly 60 individual pieces of legislation we passed in the House this year with my support."

**Rep. Martha McSally (R-AZ):** "The opioid crisis has devastated families in S. AZ & throughout our great state. Today, @POTUS signed legislation that will advance treatment & recovery initiatives & give law enforcement more tools to crack down on synthetic drugs. I will continue to work to combat this crisis."

**Rep. Tom O'Halleran (D-AZ):** "Today our bipartisan work to address the opioid crisis was signed into law. I am pleased to see two of my policies, the Rural DOCs and ROOT Acts, received broad support from my colleagues in Congress and were included in the final bill."

**Rep. Jeff Denham (R-CA):** "It's time we eliminate the stigma surrounding opioid addiction... This bill will provide treatment, keep our community safe and prevent future addictions across the Valley."

**Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA):** "Thank you to @POTUS for signing into law H.R. 6, the Patients and Communities Act. This bipartisan legislation overwhelmingly passed the House and Senate earlier this year and contains numerous bills designed to combat the growing #opioid crisis in our country."

**Rep. Carlos Curbelo (R-FL):** "Proud this bill will support work being done in #FL26 by groups like New Hope. U.S. is finally turning the tide on #OpioidCrisis that's been plaguing communities like #SoFla. This bill & programs it'll support are crucial step in our fight to overcome & treat #opioid addiction."

**Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL):** "I am grateful to @POTUS for recognizing the toll that opioids are having in our homes, in our families, + in our daily lives. Let me be clear: the road does not end here. I remain committed to working with my colleagues to do whatever we can to put an end to this tragic epidemic."

**Rep. Daniel Webster (R-FL):** "Life is a precious gift, sadly in 2016, the lives of 4,728 Floridians were lost due to an opioid overdose. Providing law enforcement, the healthcare industry and local communities the tools to combat this crisis has been one of our priorities. H.R. 6, the Patients and Communities Act, which passed the House and Senate with bipartisan support does just that. I thank President Trump for signing it into law."

**Rep. Doug Collins (R-GA):** "Today, @POTUS kept a key promise to bring relief to victims of the #OpioidEpidemic as he signed #HR6, which includes the Substance Abuse Prevention Act I introduced to help address this complex crisis. Together, we're investing in a stronger, healthier, and drug-free America."

**Rep. Rod Blum (R-IA):** "Great news from @POTUS @realDonaldTrump today — signing into law H.R. 6, to combat the opioid crisis in our communities."

**Rep. Mike Bost (R-IL):** "Addiction doesn't care about your race, gender, social class, or politics. It has

ravaged families and communities right here in Southern Illinois. That's why it's so important that we were able to come together around this historic, bipartisan legislation to fight the opioid crisis. If we work together, we can save lives and continue to restore hope."

**Rep. Darin LaHood (R-IL):** "Great news! @POTUS just signed into law HR 6, which included my legislation the Opioid Addiction Action Plan. This bipartisan landmark legislation takes significant steps towards saving lives and helping families in #IL18 struggling from the #OpioidCrisis."

**Rep. Jim Banks (R-IN):** "I'm proud that in bipartisan fashion, this Congress and the Trump administration have been able to provide local and state officials resources to help prevent and treat those suffering from opioid addiction. Additionally, we're committed to protecting communities and fighting fentanyl. Together, we'll be able to fight this deadly disease."

**Rep. Susan Brooks (R-IN):** "More relief is on the way for our communities. H.R. 6 is a package of common-sense solutions that will help our nation advance treatment and recovery initiatives for people struggling with substance abuse, improve prevention efforts so more lives are not lost as a result of the heroin and opioid epidemic, and enhance our efforts to fight the entry of deadly illicit synthetic drugs like fentanyl into our country."

**Rep. Andy Barr (R-KY):** "After months of bipartisan work, this critical legislation marks the most significant action against a drug crisis in history and will provide Kentucky with the tools needed to prevent the flow of illegal drugs into our communities, enhance prescription drug monitoring programs to address the high prescribing rates, and improve local prevention and treatment initiatives."

**Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI):** "The opioid crisis continues to claim lives and devastate dreams, and families in Michigan know this pain all too well. This landmark law will make a tangible difference by equipping our communities with additional tools to address addiction and preventing illicit drugs from coming into our country."

**Rep. Greg Gianforte (R-MT):** "For too long, drugs like meth, opioids and fentanyl have destroyed Montana families and torn apart our communities. The law President Trump signed today, which I strongly supported and voted for, will help address this deadly public health crisis."

**Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC):** "@POTUS just signed #HR6 into law. For those combating opioid abuse in our communities, this law delivers more resources to the front lines of the battle. We're not done yet, and to end this scourge, we need to keep working together."

**Rep. Kevin Cramer (R-ND):** "I am pleased @POTUS signed H.R. 6 into law today to combat the #opioid crisis. The SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act will advance treatment, improve prevention, and protect communities from unlawful synthetic drugs."

**Rep. Bill Johnson (R-OH):** "The opioid crisis claims an average of 115 American lives every day. There is no simple solution that will solve this epidemic, but the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act is a significant step in the right direction in the fight against opioid abuse."

**Rep. Brad Wenstrup (R-OH):** "The signing of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act is another important step in our ongoing fight against the opioid crisis. It will help advance treatment and recovery initiatives, improve addiction prevention, and bolster efforts to fight deadly illicit synthetic drugs like fentanyl."

**Rep. Lou Barletta (R-PA):** "I applaud President Trump for signing this important legislation into law and giving communities across Pennsylvania the tools they need to combat the opioid crisis."

**Rep. Mike Kelly (R-PA):** "The SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act is the most far-reaching congressional action against a single drug crisis in American history. ... It was a true honor to be at the White House with President Trump as he enacted this historic law and made every American family safer."

**Rep. Keith Rothfus (R-PA):** "In Western Pennsylvania and across the nation, the opioid crisis continues to destroy lives, hurt families, and plague entire communities ... I applaud President Trump for signing this much-needed legislation into law, which includes several of my bipartisan bills to help those suffering from an addiction and keep our loved ones and communities safe."

**Rep. Jeff Duncan (R-SC):** "This landmark legislation is aimed to advance treatment and recovery options, provide the much-needed resources to help communities, and strengthen the fight against illicit synthetic drugs. Too many families have been impacted by the scourge of the opioid epidemic, and I am thankful that Congress and President Trump came together to produce critical solutions to start addressing this ever-growing problem."

**Rep. John Culberson (R-TX):** "This comprehensive, bipartisan legislation fights back against the terrible opioid scourge. More relief for the #opioidcrisis is on the way!"

**Rep. John Ratcliffe (R-TX):** "I'm grateful @realDonaldTrump signed the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (H.R. 6) today to combat the growing opioid crisis. This law will advance treatment and recovery initiatives, improve prevention, and boost efforts to fight deadly illicit synthetic drugs."

**Rep. Morgan Griffith (R-VA):** "For all who are fighting the opioid crisis, the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act delivers help. It includes tools to treat addiction, reduce the availability of illegal substances, develop non-addictive painkillers, and gather more information about this epidemic. I was proud to be part of the major bipartisan effort that produced this law."

**Rep. Dave Reichert (R-WA):** "Proud to see the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act become law. This package addresses the tragic #opioidcrisis in WA08 & across the country. It includes legislation from the STOP Act that I supported to end the shipment of opioids through the international mail system."

**Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA):** "This is the most comprehensive action we've taken to combat the opioid epidemic. It will bolster treatment and recovery initiatives, improve prevention, protect our communities, and fight synthetic drugs like fentanyl that are coming across our borders from China and Mexico."

**Deputy Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy James Carroll:** "I want to thank the President and Members of Congress for leading this bipartisan effort to help prevent drug use, treat addiction locally, support Americans in recovery across their lifespan, and stop the flow of illicit drugs into their neighborhoods. By working together, we can save lives, strengthen our communities and safeguard our country."

#### State & Local Leaders

**Gov. Asa Hutchinson (R-AR):** "I applaud @realDonaldTrump's signing of the Patients and Communities Act earlier today. This \$6B in funding will go a long way in combatting the opioid crisis in our communities. I commend @AGRutledge for her work on this issue & for representing AR at today's bill signing in DC."

**Gov. Doug Ducey (R-AZ):** ".@AZDHS Director @drcarachrist visited the @WhiteHouse today to witness the signing of a federal legislative package to address the opioid epidemic. In January #AZ passed the #ArizonaOpioidEpidemicAct. There's more work to be done, but it's great to see progress at all levels."

**Gov. Charlie Baker (R-MA):** "Here in Massachusetts our bipartisan efforts to curb the opioid crisis are making progress and this bipartisan effort by Congress and the Administration will help states' ongoing substance use prevention, treatment, training and recovery programs. All levels of government must continue to focus on this epidemic and work together to provide relief to the men and women struggling with an addiction."

**Gov. Larry Hogan (R-MD):** "Here in Maryland, Lt. Governor Rutherford and I, and our entire

administration, have been fighting the heroin and opioid crisis for the past four years through a balanced approach of education and prevention, enforcement, and treatment and recovery efforts to save Marylanders' lives. This increased federal support is vital to our efforts."

**Gov. Paul LePage (R-ME):** "Maine is honored Beth Hamm, Acting Commissioner of @MaineDHHS, was invited to attend today's important #OpioidBill signing. States like Maine need flexibility and support in fighting the opioid crisis."

**Gov. Rick Snyder (R-MI):** "The opioid epidemic is hurting every community in this nation, which is why an all-hands-on-deck approach is necessary to help us truly combat this crisis. We have made some progress on this issue in Michigan, but we needed more help. We appreciate the President's partnership and congressional efforts on this national epidemic and look forward to working together to provide more life-saving resources to Michiganders."

**Gov. Pete Ricketts (R-NE):** "Time and again we see our troopers making life-saving drug seizures. Through work like that and efforts such as LB 931, which I signed into law earlier this year, we've got a strong team working together to combat opioid abuse in Nebraska. Thank you to President Trump for inviting Trooper Mortensen to join for this important occasion."

**Gov. Henry McMaster (R-SC):** "Thank you @realDonaldTrump for signing federal legislation that will complement the work we are doing in South Carolina to reduce the scourge of the opioid crisis. We were proud to be represented at the White House today by @SCDOADAS Director Sarah Goldsby and are thankful for the work she and her team are doing to lead a coalition of public and private entities across the state to address the problem."

**Gov. Ralph Northam (D-VA):** "Thank you @realDonaldTrump for signing into law today H.R. 6, the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act. The most significant congressional action taken against a single drug crisis in our history! Real legislation that will save real lives."

**Lt. Governor Brian Calley (R-MI):** "It's fitting that this legislation, which will help us take our prevention and treatment efforts to the next level, was signed during Opioid Addiction Awareness Week in Michigan. The expansion of resources, especially Medically Assisted Treatment, will be a game-changer in our efforts to have more second chances and fewer funerals."

**Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall (R):** "A major advance today in the war against America's opioid crisis as President Trump signs bipartisan legislation targeting opioid abuse. I applaud the President's leadership in prioritizing the goal of saving lives from opioid addiction."

**Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge (R):** "It was an honor today to represent Arkansans and continue my multifaceted approach to combat the opioid crisis by standing with @POTUS, @FLOTUS, law enforcement and the private sector. We must work together to end this epidemic."

**Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi (R):** "Honored to join @POTUS today as he signed the SUPPORT Act – the single largest legislative package addressing a single drug crisis in history. President Trump's leadership & support in combating the opioid crisis is tremendous & I'm grateful for all he is doing to help save lives."

**Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr (R):** "Today, @POTUS announced that \$6 billion in new funding has been secured to fight the #opioidcrisis. We appreciate the Administration and all at the federal level who are working with state leadership to combat #opioidmisuse."

**Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry (R):** "Thank you @POTUS for signing the SUPPORT Act to combat the #OpioidCrisis. Louisiana is one of the top 10 states for opioid drug overdoses, with approximately 780 residents dying each year. Together we can end this crisis & save lives."

**Utah Attorney General Sean Reyes (R):** "Huge thanks to @POTUS! Trump leadership on fighting opioid

epidemic invaluable. SUPPORT Act now signed! Brings desperately needed resources to communities around America. Excited Congress CAN get bipartisan bills through."

**Nebraska State Patrol Superintendent Col. John Bolduc:** "Our troopers and investigators have done a phenomenal job in the last year to take dangerous drugs like fentanyl and heroin off the streets. Without a doubt, they are saving lives with the work they are doing."

**Nebraska State Trooper Samuel Mortensen:** "It's a tremendous honor to be invited to represent the Nebraska State Patrol and all law enforcement at this event. The dangers associated with these drugs are astounding. We're proud to be a part of efforts like this that raise awareness and also have meaningful impacts in areas from prevention to recovery."

### **Companies & Policy Organizations**

**Amazon Vice President of Public Policy Brian Huseman:** "Amazon will help first responders more efficiently access critical medical records and has programmed Alexa voice service to answer important questions about opioids and addiction."

**Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) CEO Michael Fraser:** "The federal leadership and resources to address the crisis have greatly improved state capacity to respond by preventing overdose deaths, monitoring the epidemic, expanding access to treatment, and supporting addiction prevention and awareness campaigns. ... ASTHO looks forward to maintaining its partnership with the Administration and Congress to encourage sustained, predictable, and increased funding and enhanced programs to address substance abuse and misuse."

**Indivior CEO Shaun Thaxter:** "This bipartisan effort will improve the ability of patients with opioid use disorder (OUD) to access treatment and begin their path to recovery. This is critical in the fight against the increasing number of human lives lost to opioid overdose in the United States every year."

**UPS Chairman and CEO David Abney:** "The STOP Act will provide the necessary tools for our law enforcement agencies so they can better screen and intercept dangerous inbound packages."

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**From:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 24, 2018 2:30 PM  
**Subject:** President Donald J. Trump's Initiative to Stop Opioid Abuse and Reduce Drug Supply and Demand

Attorneys General,

Today, President Donald J. Trump highlighted the historic actions of the Administration to combat the opioid crisis since the declaration of a nationwide public health emergency a year ago, and signed H.R. 6 (SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act), comprehensive bipartisan legislation, which dedicates more resources to fight the crisis next door.

Below, please find more information on President Donald Trump and the administration's efforts to stop opioid abuse and reduce drug supply and demand. Also included are President Trump's remarks from today's event.

Thank you.

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### **ADDRESSING THE DRIVING FORCES OF THE OPIOID CRISIS: President Donald J. Trump's Initiative to Stop Opioid Abuse is confronting the driving forces behind the opioid crisis.**

- This Administration secured \$6 billion in new funding over two years to fight opioid abuse.
- The President's Initiative to Stop Opioid Abuse will:
  - Reduce drug demand through education, awareness, and prevention efforts.
  - Cut off the flow of illicit drugs across our borders and within communities.
  - Save lives by expanding opportunities for evidence-based treatments for opioid addiction.
- On September 19, 2018, the Administration awarded more than \$1 billion in funding to State and local entities to address the opioid crisis.
  - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration awarded \$930 million in grants to support prevention, treatment, and recovery activities.
  - Health Resources and Services Administration awarded more than \$396 million to 1,232 community health centers, over 120 rural community organizations, and academic institutions.
  - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention awarded States, territories, tribes, and partners more than \$194 million to bolster prevention and data collection efforts battling this crisis.

### **REDUCING DEMAND AND OVER-PRESCRIPTION: President Trump's Opioid Initiative is educating Americans about the dangers of opioid misuse and curbing over-prescription.**

- The Trump Administration is partnering with the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), Truth Initiative, and Ad Council to prevent the misuse of opioids among young adults.
- The Administration supports research efforts for innovative therapies to prevent addiction, to offer non-addictive pain management alternatives, and to improve overdose prevention tools.

- This Administration has nearly doubled funding for opioid and pain research from \$600 million to \$1.1 billion and is supporting research for a vaccine to prevent opioid addiction.
- In order to reduce the over-prescription of opioids, the President has implemented a Safer Prescribing Plan that:
  - Seeks to cut nationwide opioid prescription fills by one-third within three years.
  - Calls for 95 percent of opioid prescriptions reimbursed by Federal healthcare to be issued using best practices within five years.
  - Ensures all Federally-employed healthcare providers adopt best practices for opioid prescribing within five years.
  - Helps States transition to a nationally interoperable network of Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs.
- Strengthening community-driven responses, the Administration has issued \$90.9 million in Drug-Free Communities Support Program grants to 731 local drug prevention coalitions.
- Efforts to reduce demand and over-prescription are already seeing results.
  - High-dose opioid prescriptions fell by 16 percent since President Trump took office.
  - In 2017, the number of first-time heroin users ages 12 and older fell by more than 50 percent.

**CUTTING OFF THE SUPPLY OF ILLICIT DRUGS: President Trump's Opioid Initiative is cracking down on international and domestic illicit drug supply chains devastating American communities.**

- President Trump is working to keep dangerous drugs out of the United States by:
  - Securing land borders, ports of entry, and waterways against illegal smuggling.
  - Requiring more advance data to flag high-risk international mail shipments.
  - Using advanced drug-detecting canines to inspect high-risk shipments.
  - Testing and identifying suspicious substances in high-risk international packages.
  - Engaging with China and Mexico to reduce supplies of heroin and other illicit opioids.
- The Department of Justice (DOJ) Prescription Interdiction and Litigation Task Force is helping to fight the prescription opioid crisis by:
  - Expanding the DOJ Opioid Fraud and Abuse Detection Unit's efforts to prosecute corrupt or criminally negligent doctors, pharmacies, and distributors.
  - Aggressively deploying all available criminal and civil actions to hold opioid manufacturers accountable for any unlawful practices.
- The Administration will scale up efforts by DOJ's Joint Criminal Opioid Darknet Enforcement team to stop illicit opioid sales online.
- President Trump's Administration is strengthening criminal penalties for dealing and trafficking opioids in the United States.
  - DOJ will seek the death penalty against drug traffickers, where appropriate under the law.
  - The President supports legislation to reduce the amounts needed to invoke mandatory minimums for drug traffickers knowingly distributing opioids lethal in trace amounts.
- President Trump's efforts to cut off the supply of illicit drugs are already seeing results.
  - DOJ shut down the country's biggest Darknet distributor of drugs.
  - DOJ indicted two Chinese nationals accused of manufacturing and shipping deadly fentanyl and 250 other drugs to at least 25 countries and 37 States.
  - DOJ launched Operation Synthetic Opioid Surge to target fentanyl and heroin dealers in the districts with the most severe overdose deaths.
  - In fiscal year (FY) 2017, DOJ increased the average Federal sentence for drug trafficking to the strongest sentences since 2013.
  - Immigration and Customs Enforcement seized more than 2,300 pounds of fentanyl in FY 2017.
  - Customs and Border Protection (CBP) saw a 66 percent increase in the advance electronic data they received on international mail packages in FY 2018 compared to FY 2017.

**HELPING THOSE STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTION: President Trump's Opioid Initiative is helping those struggling with addiction through evidence-based treatment and recovery support services.**

- The Administration is working to ensure first responders are supplied with naloxone, a lifesaving medication used to reverse overdoses.
- Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration awarded more than \$30 million to States to help people affected by opioid addiction rejoin the workforce.
- The Trump Administration is empowering local leaders with relevant opioid data to coordinate and optimize their efforts to quickly respond to spikes in overdoses.
- The Administration is working to expand access to evidence-based addiction treatment in every State and to veterans, particularly Medication-Assisted Treatment for opioid addiction.
- President Trump supports changing the law prohibiting Medicaid from reimbursing residential treatment at certain facilities with more than 16 beds.
  - In the meantime, the Administration has been approving State Medicaid demonstration projects that address these barriers to inpatient treatment.
- The Administration supports efforts to identify and treat offenders in the criminal justice system who are struggling with addiction.
  - This includes screening every Federal inmate for opioid addiction at intake.
  - Those who screen positive and are approved for placement in residential reentry may volunteer for naltrexone treatment and be connected with recovery services.
  - The Administration supports drug courts to provide appropriate offenders with treatment as an alternative to incarceration, or as a condition of supervised release.
- Efforts to provide help to those struggling with addiction are already seeing results.
  - Last year, America had an increase in the number of patients age 12 and older with illicit drug-use disorders being treated at specialty facilities and private provider offices.
  - There has been a more than 20 percent increase in young adults aged 18 to 25 receiving outpatient treatment.

**HISTORIC CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO COMBAT THE OPIOID CRISIS: President Trump worked hand in hand with Congress to advance the SUPPORT Act, the single largest legislative package addressing a single drug crisis in history. Among the provisions in this historic legislation are:**

- IMD CARE Act: Provides States with a Medicaid State plan option to provide residential treatment in facilities (Institutions for Mental Diseases) more than 16 beds, in certain circumstances.
- STOP Act: Requires the United States Postal Service to share advanced electronic data with CBP on 100 percent of packages entering the country.
  - This will help identify suspicious shipments and stop deadly fentanyl from entering from China and Mexico.
- CRIB Act: Supports the most vulnerable victims of the opioid crisis by allowing State Medicaid programs to cover healthcare services to infants suffering from neonatal abstinence syndrome in pediatric recovery centers.
  - Currently, pediatric recovery centers cannot bill Medicaid for services to babies in withdrawal, thereby limiting how many families they are able to serve.
- CARA 2.0 Act: Increases the funding authorization levels for certain programs enacted in 2016 under the CARA Act.
- Youth Prevention and Recovery: Leverages existing job training resources to create a pilot program to address workforce shortages exacerbated by the opioid crisis.
  - This will help employers fill job openings and get those in recovery back on their feet.
- ONDCP Reauthorization: Reauthorizes ONDCP and allows its media campaigns to focus on anti-drug messages for all age groups, not just youth as the law currently states.
  - This also reauthorizes the Drug-Free Communities Support Program and the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program.
- Improving Recovery and Reunifying Families Act: Authorizes \$15 million for a "recovery coach" program for parents with children in foster care due to parental substance use.

- The goal of the program is to reduce the length of time children spend in foster care due to a parent who is struggling with a substance use disorder.
  - CAREER Act: Improves resources and wrap-around support services for those recovering from a substance use disorder who are transitioning from treatment programs to the workforce.
    - This includes \$25 million authorized for workforce participation grants.
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REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRUMP  
ON A YEAR OF HISTORIC PROGRESS AND ACTION  
TO COMBAT THE OPIOID CRISIS

East Room

2:18 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: I want to thank you very much, Melania. I know how hard you've worked on this. And that's just one of many languages that you know, so it's just amazing the way you can do it. Thank you very much, darling. Appreciate it. (Applause.)

Also I want to thank Mrs. Pence for being here. You have been just so terrific working alongside of our great Vice President. And thank you very much, Karen. Really appreciate it. (Applause.)

I'd like to begin today's remarks by providing an update on the suspicious packages and devices mailed to current and former high-ranking government officials. The safety of the American people is my highest and absolute priority.

I have just concluded a briefing with the FBI, Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security, and the U.S. Secret Service.

As we speak, the packages are being inspected by top explosive experts, and a major federal investigation is now underway. The full weight of our government is being deployed to conduct this investigation and bring those responsible for these despicable acts to justice. We will spare no resources or expense in this effort.

And I just want to tell you that, in these times, we have to unify. We have to come together, and send one very clear, strong, unmistakable message that acts or threats of political violence of any kind have no place in the United States of America. (Applause.) Thank you very much.

It's a very bipartisan statement, I can tell you, from both sides. We both agree on that.

This egregious conduct is abhorrent to everything we hold dear and sacred as Americans. My administration will provide additional updates as they become available. And I just want to thank everybody for their understanding. We're extremely angry, upset, unhappy about what we witnessed this morning, and we will get to the bottom of it.

We are gathered together today to address America's drug and opioid crisis -- and a crisis, it is -- which now claims 70,000 lives a year.

One year ago, I addressed the nation in this very room and declared the opioid crisis a national public health emergency. And that's a legal statement. That's a legal term.

Today, we are here to update the American people on the historic action we have taken and to sign landmark legislation to defeat the opioid epidemic.

I want to thank the Cabinet members in attendance today: Attorney General Jeff Sessions -- thank you; and Secretaries Ryan Zinke, Alex Acosta, Alex Azar, Ben Carson, Betsy DeVos, Robert Wilke, and Kirstjen Nielsen. Thank you all very much. I know how hard you're working on this and other things. (Applause.) Thank you.

And thank you also to Kellyanne Conway for her tremendous efforts. Thank you, Kellyanne. I appreciate it. (Applause.)

We're also honored to be joined by state and local leaders, private sector partners, along with families who have suffered terrible heartache from the opioid epidemic. Together, we are going to end the scourge of drug addiction in America. We are going to end it, or we are going to at least make an extremely big dent in this terrible, terrible problem.

Over the last year, we have mobilized the entire federal government to address this crisis. We have secured \$6 billion in new funding to combat opioids -- the most money ever received in history.

I want to thank the members of Congress in attendance today -- terrific people -- who have been instrumental in this effort: Senators Lamar Alexander -- Lamar, thank you. Lamar, thank you very much. Rob Portman. Thank you, Rob. Congressman Greg Walden. And also, Greg, for Right to Try. All of us. Everybody over there. Right to Try -- it's having a tremendous impact already. Thank you very much.

Along with Senators Shelley Moore Capito, Bill Cassidy, Maggie Hassan; Representatives Gus Bilirakis, Michael Burgess, Barbara Comstock, John Faso, Bob Goodlatte, Garret Graves, Richard Hudson, Mike Kelly, Bob Latta, Keith Rothfus, Tim Walberg. I want to just thank you all. There could be a couple of extras. We'll thank you afterwards, okay? But thank you all. Thank you. (Applause.) Thank you all.

It's a great job. They work hard on it. They feel so strongly.

My administration has also launched an unprecedented effort to target drug dealers, traffickers, and smugglers. We are shutting down online networks, cracking down on international shipments, and going after foreign traffickers like never before.

For the first time ever, in August of this year, the Department of Justice indicted two Chinese nationals

who were shipping fentanyl and other lethal drugs to our country.

Here with us today is Sam Mortensen of the Nebraska State Patrol. Where is Sam?

TROOPER MORTENSEN: Here, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: Oh. I thought he was around here someplace. (Applause.) Thank you, Sam.

In April, Trooper Mortensen seized 118 pounds of fentanyl -- enough lethal doses to kill 26 million people. Is that even believable? Can you imagine? Trooper Mortensen, that was a job well done.

And I'd like to just have you come down here. Just for a second. You didn't know you were going to this. Come on. (Applause.) Say a few words.

TROOPER MORTENSEN: First off, thank you for having me here today. This is a huge honor, not just for myself, but to represent all of the law enforcement officials in Nebraska. Every day, there is a lot of people out there that are doing what I did. They're doing it day in and day out. And there's a lot of people that came before me that taught me how to do this job.

And so, on behalf of them, on behalf of myself, and on behalf of my family, thank you for having me here. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Sam. Good job. (Applause.) He didn't know he was going to do that. (Laughter.) And I see a future politician. Be careful, fellas. (Laughter.) It was a great job. Thank you, Sam.

Last year, the brave men and women of ICE and Border Patrol -- people that we have to really thank. They are doing some job. Seized more -- right? (Applause) Really doing a good -- and that's a hard job -- seized more than 2.8 million pounds of illicit and deadly drugs.

Early estimates show that in 2017 and 2018, fentanyl seizures were more than four times higher than the previous two years. We're really putting big effort into fentanyl and other drug seizures.

Last year, we increased the average federal sentence for drug trafficking to its highest level since 2013. We're also putting a stop to another dangerous supply of opioids: over-prescribing doctors -- over-prescribing. They have to be careful.

Over the past 20 months, our Department of Justice and Department of Health and Human Services Fraud Strike Force targeted a combined \$3.3 billion in waste, fraud, and abuse related to the unlawful distribution of opioids. That's by far the most ever.

The total amount of opioids being prescribed has decreased by nearly 20 percent in a very short period of time. I'm very proud of that. We have nearly doubled funding for opioid research, including for the development of non-addictive painkillers.

Over the past 20 months, our National Prescription Drug Take Back Days -- very important, really something -- have collected more than 2.7 million pounds of unused or unwanted prescription drugs.

We have launched one of the largest ad campaigns to keep young Americans from getting addicted

in the first place. If we can do that -- those ads are so well -- I mean, they're so important. It's one of the most important things that I've told Melania and Kellyanne. We put on really powerful ads, we pay for those ads, and we get people to stop before they ever start. And maybe that should be the name of the campaign -- (applause) -- "Stop before they ever start."

And you won't see the results immediately, but you'll see the results in the future -- and very quick future. So I'd love for you to do that, and I know that's what you're doing.

For those already addicted, we are delivering lifesaving help. Last month, my administration gave state and local governments, community organizations, and other groups an additional \$1 billion to address prevention, treatment, and recovery.

We have given states waivers from outdated rules, and increased by 50 percent the number of people being treated in specialty facilities for heroin addiction. Tremendous amounts of money and care have been given to those specialty facilities. And they are working; they're having a tremendously positive effect.

We're working to screen 100 percent of the federal inmates for drug addiction so we can offer them the treatment they need while they serve their sentence. And when they get out -- (applause) -- and when they get out, our economy has become so strong that they are getting jobs for the first time almost ever, certainly in memory. They're coming out into an incredible society, an incredible economy. People are hiring these inmates. They're getting a second and sometimes a third chance.

And the response has been incredible from the people that are doing the hiring. This is the first that it's ever happened. They're getting a chance, and it makes me very proud. And that's because of a tremendous economy, and people also opening up their hearts and minds to giving these people a second chance. So that's really terrific. (Applause.) Thank you.

Our Department of Labor has awarded more than \$30 million to states to expand apprenticeships -- a very special word to me, the word "apprenticeship." (Laughter.) And on-the-job -- yeah, you get it. See? (Laughter.) And on-the-job training for those who are recovering from addiction.

Joining us today is DeeDee Wheeler from Upstate New York. DeeDee was born in prison to a mother struggling with alcoholism. DeeDee struggled with drug addiction for years. But three and a half years ago, she began a really incredible recovery program. Since then, she has been drug-free.

DeeDee now earns a living as a very talented seamstress and designer -- they love her; they love her at that firm -- proudly bringing home a paycheck to provide for her two sons. DeeDee, you inspire us. And I'd love to have you come up and just say a few words. (Applause.) DeeDee?

MS. WHEELER: First of all, I want to thank God. Without Him, it's impossible. Nothing is impossible with God.

I just would like to thank the Hoving Home that gave me a foundation. I went through the home in 2016 -- '15. Excuse me, I'm a little nervous. (Laughter.) And I completed the program. It gave me a sense of wellbeing. And I'm a graduate. I completed it, and I'm a graduate.

And due to the fact that I'm with Unshattered -- Unshattered is a foundation. It gave me a sense of purpose because I knew I couldn't go back to Jersey -- to go back to people, places, and things. And I'm just

honored to be here, and I'm proud to say that I'm drug-free and I surrender my life. And I just want to thank God. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, DeeDee.

Well, I didn't tell DeeDee and Sam that they were speaking, because this way they'd be nervous coming in. Now I just put them up. And did they do great or what? Right? (Applause.)

If we would have given them advance notice, you couldn't have done better than that no matter how hard you worked. That was great. Both Sam and DeeDee, thank you very much. Fantastic job.

In order to build on our progress, in just a few moments I will sign the single largest bill to combat a drug crisis in the history of our country. I especially want to thank Senator Rob Portman for working to ensure that the bill gives law enforcement the tools and resources they need to stop ultra-lethal -- think of that word, "ultra-lethal"; that's a big statement -- drugs, like fentanyl, from being trafficked throughout our mail.

And, Rob, I do have to thank you. I know how hard -- (applause) -- please, stand up. Please. (Applause.) How hard you've worked. Thank you. Thank you, Rob.

This legislation also includes vital messages [measures] to expand support for addiction recovery and treatment, and the transition back to independent living, with a very, very steady job, great job.

Joining us today are 21 of our nation's top companies and organizations -- these are fantastic, successful companies that are putting back; they're giving back and they're putting back -- who are going to be announcing bold commitments to help us solve this crisis.

In just a few moments, we are here to listen to these incredible incentives, and benefit by them.

Together, we will defeat this epidemic -- it's a true epidemic -- as one people, one family, and one magnificent nation under God.

I want to thank everybody for being here. This is a tremendous honor for me and tremendous honor for Melania, who's worked so hard on this. And I appreciate that very much, First Lady. Really, a fantastic job. Karen, thank you very much. Really appreciate it.

God bless you all. God bless America. Thank you very much. Thank you. (Applause.)

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**From:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 17, 2018 4:54 PM  
**Subject:** The Trump Administration's Regulatory Reform Efforts - \$33 Billion in Savings, 12 to 1 Deregulation Ratio

Attorneys General,

This morning, the Office of Management and Budget announced that **in the last year, the Trump Administration's regulatory reform efforts have led to a total of \$23 billion in cost savings.** Under President Trump's leadership, the Administration has revived the American economy by getting rid of unnecessary, outdated, and duplicative regulatory burdens. Below you will find more information including links to OMB materials and a fact sheet on the Administration's efforts to cut red tape and unleash economic freedom.

We welcome input on how your respective offices are addressing regulatory reform at the state level, particularly in conjunction with reform efforts by the administration. In addition, if you plan to highlight today's announcements through statements or social media, we would appreciate awareness.

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### **A. Overall findings from OMB's Fall 2018 Unified Agenda**

- In FY 2018, the Trump Administration saved a net \$23 billion in regulatory costs.
- In the same period, the Trump Administration eliminated 12 regulations for every 1 new significant regulation passed.
  - By contrast, the Obama Administration imposed a net \$245 billion in regulatory costs during the same time period.
  - In the last year, the Trump Administration eliminated 176 outdated, unnecessary, or duplicative regulatory actions.
- Since President Trump took office, the Administration has provided \$33 billion in net regulatory savings.

### **B. Fact Sheets**

- **The 2018 Regulatory Reform Report: Cutting the Red Tape, Unleashing Economic Freedom**
  - **OMB Press Release: Regulatory Relief Efforts Deliver \$23 Billion In Regulatory Cost Savings**
  - **Introduction to the Fall 2018 Regulatory Plan: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) Administrator Neomi Rao**
  - **Full Agenda: Fall 2018 Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions**
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DEREGULATORY ACTIONS

Since the day President Trump took office, Americans across the country have experienced the positive effects of pro-growth economic policies. A fundamental pillar of that success has been the Administration's regulatory reform agenda, which has prioritized eliminating unnecessary burdens and promoting common-sense regulatory policy. For far too long, families and businesses were burdened by regulations from Washington that frustrated THEIR American dream. Over the past twenty-one months, President Trump has delivered on his promise of reining in unnecessary regulations, making excessive federal overreach a policy of the past. Through these regulatory reforms, Americans once again feel they can confidently invest in their families, businesses, and future.



## \$23 BILLION IN COST SAVINGS

In Fiscal Year 2018, President Trump has saved \$23 billion in overall regulatory costs. Since taking office, the Trump Administration has achieved provided \$33 billion in net regulatory savings.



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Agencies across the Federal Government eliminated 176 outdated, unnecessary or duplicative regulatory actions and issued only 14 new significant regulatory actions in FY18 - a ratio of 12-to-1.



## PLANNED OR WITHDRAWN ACTIONS

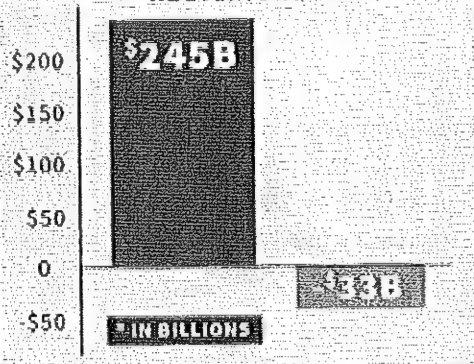
The Trump Administration withdrew or delayed 648 regulatory actions in FY18. Since January 2017, a total of 2253 regulatory actions have been delayed or withdrawn.

### ADMINISTRATION COMPARISON

**OBAMA ADMINISTRATION:**  
Imposed \$245 billion in burdensome regulatory costs on the American people in the first 21 months.

**TRUMP ADMINISTRATION:**  
Reversed course and saved \$23 billion in regulatory costs in the first 21 months.

### REGULATORY COSTS



(From The 2018 Regulatory Reform Report, [Click to View](#))

**President Trump Is Following Through On His Promise To Cut Burdensome Red Tape And Unleash The American Economy**

*"An ever-growing maze of regulations, rules, restrictions has cost our country trillions and trillions of dollars, millions of jobs, countless American factories, and devastated many industries." - President Donald J. Trump*

**ENDING OVERREGULATION: President Donald J. Trump is delivering on his promise to get rid of unnecessary, outdated, and duplicative regulations.**

- The Trump Administration is releasing findings that show the President's regulatory reform efforts saved American families and business owners \$23 billion in fiscal year (FY) 2018.
  - This progress builds on the Administration's significant regulatory reforms in FY 2017.
- President Trump's historic regulatory reform is a complete change in direction, with Americans actually seeing an overall decrease in regulatory burdens.
- The Administration issued 176 deregulatory actions last year, eliminating 12 regulations for every new one according to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA).
  - The President has again exceeded his pledge to cut two regulations across the year for every new one.
- Since taking office, President Trump's efforts have achieved \$33 billion in regulatory savings.
  - In a stark contrast, President Obama imposed \$245 billion in burdensome regulatory costs on the American people in his first 21 months in office.
- Businesses are finally being freed of Washington's overreach and the American economy is flourishing as a result.

**REAL RESULTS: President Trump's efforts to cut burdensome and unnecessary red tape are bringing real change and delivering real results for Americans.**

- The Department of Labor made it easier for small businesses to provide better health insurance to their employees through association health plans.
- The Department of Veterans Affairs greatly expanded veterans' ability to use telehealth services, giving them access to state-of-the-art healthcare everywhere.
- The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has taken action to free our fishermen from burdensome red tape while also promoting responsible fishing practices.
  - For instance, areas off the coast of New England have been opened to commercial sea scallop harvesting for the first time in years, netting an economic benefit of \$654 million.
- The Department of Health and Human Services reduced paperwork for nursing facilities, inpatient hospitals, and home health providers, saving \$8.2 billion in regulatory costs.

**DEREGULATION WILL CONTINUE: The Trump Administration will continue its bold reforms to roll back burdensome red tape in FY 2019.**

- President Trump's regulatory reform efforts are accelerating, and we will continue to take a responsible approach to addressing overly burdensome regulations in FY 2019.
- The Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have proposed amendments to existing Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards.
  - These amendments could save up to \$340 billion over the lifetime of new vehicles.
- The EPA and Army Corps of Engineers have proposed new rulemakings that would reassess the Obama Administration's burdensome "Waters of the United States" rule,
- EPA has proposed the Affordable Clean Energy rule, which would replace the 2015 Clean Power Plan (CPP).
  - In some scenarios, avoided compliances costs total \$6.4 billion compared to the CPP.

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**From:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>  
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**Subject:** White House Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons Annual Meeting

Attorneys General,

Today, the President's **Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (PITF)** met to discuss the Administration's efforts to tackle human trafficking. The Task Force is a Cabinet-level entity, consisting of 15 departments and agencies, which work tirelessly to prosecute traffickers, protect survivors, and combat human trafficking. Members of the Advisory Council on Human Trafficking, comprised of survivor leaders appointed by the President, attended. Also of note, the recipients of the 2018 Presidential Award for Extraordinary Efforts to Combat Trafficking in Persons were honored at the meeting.

Below, please find information on actions President Trump and the administration are taking to fight human trafficking on all fronts. President Trump's remarks are also included.

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### **PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP IS TAKING ACTION TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

*"My Administration will focus on ending the absolutely horrific practice of human trafficking." – President Donald J. Trump*

**TAKING ACTION AT HOME AND ABROAD:** The Trump Administration is taking the fight to human trafficking on all fronts, carrying out robust domestic and international efforts.

- In April 2018, President Trump signed historic legislation into law to combat online sex trafficking, holding perpetrators accountable and ensuring justice for survivors.
- Last year, President Trump issued an Executive Order which directed his Administration to crack down on transnational criminal organizations that use human trafficking.
- Domestically, Federal agencies are ensuring full enforcement of our laws so that those who seek to exploit our people and break our laws face justice. Last year:
  - The Department of Justice secured convictions against nearly 500 defendants in human trafficking and the Federal Bureau of Investigation dismantled 42 criminal enterprises engaged in child sex trafficking.
  - The Department of Homeland Security initiated over 800 human trafficking cases, resulting in 1,500 arrests, 530 convictions, and over 500 victims identified.
- The Department of Justice anti-trafficking grantees reported assisting more than 8,000 survivors between July 2016 and June 2017, greatly exceeding the past record.
- The Department of Health and Human Services modernized the National Human Trafficking Hotline.
- The United States is also taking the lead to end this crime internationally, as the largest donor of the Global Fund to End Modern Slavery.

- The Trump Administration is pushing back against authoritarian regimes to eliminate forced labor, sex trafficking, and the exploitation of children.
    - Human trafficking is very common under regimes lacking basic civil protections.
    - The Administration is limiting the number of Tier 3 countries in the TIP Report that will receive national security waivers under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act.
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**REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRUMP**  
**AT THE INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE TO MONITOR AND COMBAT TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. Please. Thank you very much. Thank you. It's a great honor. Thank you very much. Thank you to Ivanka for the wonderful introduction. She knows me well. And also, very importantly, on the tremendous work you've done on this on behalf of human trafficking victims and survivors all over the world. Very important subject.

And incredibly, with the age of the computer, it's gotten worse and worse and worse every year. And we're going to turn that around.

This is an urgent humanitarian issue. My administration is committed to leveraging every resource we have to confront this threat, to support the victims and survivors, and to hold traffickers accountable for their heinous crimes.

Before going any further today, I'd like to provide an update on Hurricane Michael, which made landfall along Florida's great Panhandle. Incredible people in the Panhandle, and they went through a lot. Followed a really destructive path; then to Georgia and North and South Carolina.

Our prayers are with those who lost their lives and with their families. And our hearts are with the thousands who have sustained property damage -- in many cases entirely wiped out -- the many families who have been displaced and the businesses that have been affected by this devastating hurricane.

All residents should heed all local warnings and instructions. My administration is in constant contact with state and local authorities in Florida, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina. FEMA and first responders are on the ground, and we have teams currently conducting search and rescue missions -- by the way, the Coast Guard has been incredible; they've saved many lives -- working to restore power and delivering needed supplies.

We will do everything in our power to help those in need. And we will not rest or waver until the job is done and the recovery is complete. The only thing we can say about Michael with certainty is that it was so fast, it went through like a bullet, but it was a devastating bullet. It was complete. It was winds about as big as we've ever seen in history. We've never had anything like this.

So I just want to thank everybody for working so hard and for FEMA, and first responders, and law enforcement. They have been incredible. Incredible. Thank you very much.

Today we're gathered together for a truly important mission: ending the scourge of human trafficking.

Joining us are top officials from across our government who are deeply engaged in this effort. Also, Senator Rob Portman is with us someplace. Rob, thank you very much for coming.

I'd like to just introduce a few of the people that have worked so hard: Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. Secretary Nielsen. Secretary, thank you. Good job. I know you're working very hard on this. Ryan Zinke. Ryan, thank you. Thank you. Alex Acosta. Thank you very much. Rod Rosenstein. Thank you, Rod. Alex Azar. Thank you very much. Great job you're doing. Thank you, Alex. Elaine Chao. Thank you, Elaine. And Betsy DeVos. Thank you. Thank you very much.

Along with Ambassadors Nikki Haley -- and what a job you've done. Thank you very much, Nikki. And you know how we feel. Bob Lighthizer. Thanks, Bob. Dan Coats. And Director Chris Wray. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, Chris, very much. Appreciate it very much. You really -- you're making big difference and you'll make an even bigger difference because we're making it a lot easier for you now. We're going to give you what you need to get this done -- as much as you can. It's a tough one.

Thank you as well to Representative Ann Wagner who has been a great leader in the fight against human trafficking. Thank you, Ann, very much. Thank you very much.

Most importantly, I want to thank the courageous survivors of human trafficking for joining us today. From the beginning of my administration, I promised we would direct the full might and force of the United States government to combat the sinister crime of trafficking. And that is exactly what we are doing.

We're working to aggressively target traffickers and to protect the victims of this inhumane abuse. In my first month in office, I signed an executive order directing federal law enforcement to prioritize dismantling the criminal organizations that engage in human trafficking. I later hosted survivors and experts here at the White House on numerous occasions for a conversation about how we can strengthen and improve our nation's anti-trafficking efforts.

Since the time and since that moment -- very first moment -- we've really made tremendous strides. We're challenging foreign regimes that facilitate this horrible evil of sex trafficking and forced labor. And we're working to take down the criminal organizations that illegally traffic drugs and people across our border, exploiting them for their own gain. And we are pursuing criminal charges against those who perpetrate these monstrous acts and deeds.

Last year, my administration prosecuted a record number of traffickers. The Department of Health and Human Services National Human Trafficking Hotline received over 8,500 reports of potential trafficking last year. And our brave heroes at ICE have made over 1,600 human trafficking arrests. They do a great job.

I have signed several anti-trafficking bills into law, including a landmark law championed by Representative Wagner. And, Representative, where are you? Please. Fantastic job, Ann. Thank you very much. Really appreciate it. To help states and victims to fight online sex trafficking.

Under this law, victims can now bring civil suits against websites involved in sex trafficking -- it's so important -- so you can bring civil suits against these websites, and states can bring criminal charges. These provisions complement existing laws that the Department of Justice used to seize and shut down Backpage.com, the Internet's leading forum for traffickers, earlier this year. Good job, Rod. Really good job.

We also included tough forced-labor provisions in the new U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement -- USMCA, as it's known. Great agreement. And we are taking the lead to combat this crime internationally, having invested millions in the Global Fund to End Modern Slavery. If you can believe that title -- it's to end modern slavery.

This is just a brief overview of our government-wide effort to smash these criminal networks and to help victims rebuild their lives.

Every Cabinet member here today and every member of this presidential taskforce is fully engaged in the fight. It's very important to every one of them.

Our country will not rest until we have put these vile organizations out of business, and rescued every last victim. And we will not stop until we have stamped out the menace of human trafficking once and for all.

Again, I want to thank everybody for the incredible job you're doing, for your good work. So important. Thank you very much. Thank you. Thank you everybody. Thank you. (Applause.) Thank you. Thank you.

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**To:** Bailey, Michael; Draye, Dominic  
**Subject:** RE: Call-In Information - Wednesday, October 10, 3:00PM EST

Flagging for the 3 o'clock call today.

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**When:** Wednesday, October 10, 3:00PM EST

**Call-In Information:**

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 04, 2018 3:02 PM  
**Subject:** For It Before They Were Against It: Democrats Move the Goal Posts Again On an FBI Supplemental Background Investigation

State & Local Leaders,

We wanted to make sure you saw the below information regarding Judge Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the Supreme Court of the United States.

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**For It Before They Were Against It: Democrats Move the Goal Posts Again On an FBI Supplemental Background Investigation**

*"This Is Now The 7th Time The FBI Has Investigated Judge Kavanaugh. If We Made It 100, It Would Still Not Be Good Enough For The Obstructionist Democrats." – President Donald J. Trump*

**ANSWERING REPEATED CALLS FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL FBI INVESTIGATION: Senate Democrats Repeatedly Said A Supplemental FBI Investigation Was The Only Way To Get To The Truth.**

- Senate Democrat Leader Sen. Chuck Schumer And Democrat Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Sen. Dianne Feinstein Wrote In A Letter To President Donald J. Trump That Background Investigations Are "FBI's Standard Practice."
- Sen. Chuck Schumer: "There Is Really Only One Way To Get To The Bottom Of These Allegations And Prevent The Nation From Being Thrown Into Further Turmoil: An Independent Background Check By The FBI."
- Sen. Dianne Feinstein: "I Think We Need To Do This Investigation."
- Sen. Mazie Hirono: "How Do You Get To The Truth If You Won't Even Allow An Investigation?"
- Sen. Dick Durbin: "If There Is No Truth To Her Charges, The FBI Investigation Will Show That."
- Sen. Chris Coons: "It Is My Hope That We Could Work Together On A Bipartisan Basis To Diligently Pursue An FBI Investigation Within The Next Week."
- Sen. Richard Blumenthal: "My View Is That The FBI Is An Investigative Agency Of Consummate Skill And Integrity. It Will Follow The Facts And The Law And The Evidence Where It Leads Them."
- Sen. Amy Klobuchar: "Just Ask The President To Reopen The FBI Investigation."

**MEETING THE DEMOCRATS' OWN TIMELINE: In Their Calls For A Supplemental FBI Investigation, Senate Democrats Touted That It Could Be Completed In A Week Or Less.**

- In Their Letter To President Trump, Sens. Schumer And Feinstein Claimed The FBI "Has Almost A Full Week To Do Its Work" And "It Will Not Take A 'Tremendous Amount Of Time.'"
- Sen. Chuck Schumer: "It Will Only Take A Few Days."
- Sen. Chuck Schumer: "The FBI Has Ample Resources To Do This Within The One-Week Period Requested By The Members Of The Judiciary Committee. No One Is Asking That It Take Longer Than A Week..."
- Sen. Patty Murray: "That Is Exactly Why We Have Been Pressing For An FBI Investigation That Should Only Take A Few Days, So There Are Other Facts Out There, That There Are Other Witnesses."
- Sen. Chris Coons: "I Do Think It's Possible For Us To Have The FBI Do A Prompt And Appropriate Professional Questioning Of Some Of The Core People Here."

- Sen. Chris Coons: "And I Have Conveyed To My Friends And Colleagues That I Had Wished We Would Take A One-Week Pause, One Week Only."

**MOVING THE GOAL POSTS: Now That Senate Democrats Have Gotten Exactly What They Called For, They Are Moving The Goal Posts Once Again.**

- Sen. Chuck Schumer: "This Is Not A Thorough Investigation."
- Sen. Feinstein: "The Most Notable Part Of This Report Is What's Not In It.... It Looks To Be A Product Of An Incomplete Investigation..."
- Sen. Kamala Harris: "The FBI Report On Judge Kavanaugh Is Entirely Incomplete And Insufficient."
- Sen. Richard Blumenthal: "There Is Nothing, Absolutely Nothing About This Deadline That's Been Imposed By The Majority Leader Makes Any Sense."

As President Trump explained this morning, "the harsh and unfair treatment of Judge Brett Kavanaugh is having an incredible impact" on the American public. "The PEOPLE get it far better than the politicians. Most importantly, this great life cannot be ruined by mean & despicable Democrats and totally uncorroborated allegations! [...] This is a very important time in our country. Due Process, Fairness and Common Sense are now on trial!"

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## **What You Need to Know | The American People Stand with Judge Kavanaugh Against Senate Dems' Dangerous and Disgraceful Attacks**

Americans of all political beliefs overwhelmingly agree that this process has been a "national disgrace," according to a new poll from Harvard Harris.

- 69 percent of ALL voters believe the confirmation has been a "national disgrace."
- 75 percent of ALL voters agree that Senator Feinstein should have turned over the letter to the committee instead of holding on to it for six weeks.
- This sentiment crosses party lines.

**The White House and Senate Majority Leader McConnell stand behind Judge Kavanaugh 100%.**

WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY SARAH SANDERS ON FOX NEWS: "We stand 100% with Brett Kavanaugh. the information that was asked and requested by senators additional information has now been provided and as Chairman Grassley said in a statement earlier this morning now that they have that information, it's time for the Senate to vote and time for them to confirm Judge Kavanaugh."

PRINCIPAL DEPUTY PRESS SECRETARY RAJ SHAH ON CNN: "The President and the White House are firmly behind Brett Kavanaugh. We believe all the Senate's questions have been addressed through this supplemental FBI investigation."

SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MITCH MCCONNELL ON THE SENATE FLOOR: "We have a chance to do good here and to underscore the basic tenant of fairness in our country. So I filed cloture on the nomination yesterday evening and I'll be proud to vote to advance this nomination tomorrow."

**The Senate must not allow a "fundamentally un-American precedent" to be established here.**

MITCH MCCONNELL: "For goodness sake, this is the United States of America. Nobody is supposed to be guilty until proven innocent in this country. Nobody is supposed to be proven innocent in The United States of America. The Senate should not set a fundamentally un-American precedent here. Judge Kavanaugh's right to basic fairness does not disappear just because some disagree with his judicial philosophy."

MITCH MCCONNELL: "The fact is that these allegations have not been corroborated. None of the allegations have been corroborated by the seventh FBI investigation. Not in the new FBI investigation. Not anywhere. So none of these last-minute allegations have been corroborated."

RAJ SHAH: "We cannot live in a world where allegation alone can sully a man's reputation for life. Judge Kavanaugh has expressed his denial firmly, unequivocally and repeatedly under oath, and Dr. Ford has identified three other individuals who would be able to corroborate her account, and none have been able to do so. All three have said they either have no recollection or don't think it happened."

**Across the country, people are energized in their support for Judge Kavanaugh.**

SARAH SANDERS: "We're hearing it every single place the President has gone. You can feel the energy both for the president and for his nominee in Brett Kavanaugh. People are outraged at the way the Democrats have totally made this process into a partisan battle and they've created something that should never have happened. They've upended our judicial system and what they have done is energized republicans and the President is feeling that energy in all of the locations he has been."

**It's time to put an end to Democrats' shameful delay tactics and take a vote.**

SARAH SANDERS: "The F.B.I. did exactly what they do best and that's they conducted a background investigation and provided that information to the Senate and now it's time for the Senate to take that information and make a decision whether or not they support Judge Kavanaugh. He has given more than any other nominee in history in terms of interviews and documents and time. The Democrats have made this entire process a total disgrace. It is time for them to quit playing politics and start doing their job and let's put this to a vote and let's do it quickly."

SARAH SANDERS: "I think one of the biggest and most telling parts of this process is all of the Democrats that are coming out claiming that they want to see more, that they haven't gotten enough are Democrats that have already pledged and promised to vote no. They don't actually want more information. It's a total sham and they need to get out of the way and stop playing politics."

RAJ SHAH: "All the folks that are demanding this type of an investigation in the Senate are Democrats who've already pledged to vote no. They don't want additional information to make a decision. They want to delay this process."

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**Subject:** Judge Kavanaugh's Opening Statement

Attorneys General,

We wanted to make sure you saw this information below regarding Judge Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the Supreme Court of the United States.

### **HIGHLIGHTS | Judge Kavanaugh's Opening Statement**

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*"This confirmation process has become a national disgrace. The constitution gives the Senate an important role in the confirmation process, but you have replaced advise and consent with search and destroy. Since my nomination in July there's been a frenzy on the left to come up with something, anything to block my confirmation." – Judge Brett Kavanaugh*

**Judge Kavanaugh could not have been clearer: he has never sexually assaulted anyone in his life.**

KAVANAUGH: "I'm here today to tell the truth. I've never sexually assaulted anyone. Not in high school, not in college, not ever. Sexual assault is horrific. One of my closest friends to this day is a woman who was sexually abused and who in the 1990s when we were in our 30s confided in me about the abuse and sought my advice."

KAVANAUGH: "I'm not questioning that Dr. Ford may have been sexually assaulted by some person in some place at some time, but I have never done this to her or to anyone. That's not who I am. It is not who I was."

**Judge Kavanaugh condemned the disgusting, last-minute smear campaign against him as a "national disgrace" that has replaced advise and consent with "search and destroy."**

KAVANAUGH: "This confirmation process has become a national disgrace. The constitution gives the Senate an important role in the confirmation process, but you have replaced advise and consent with search and destroy. Since my nomination in July there's been a frenzy on the left to come up with something, anything to block my confirmation. Shortly after I was nominated the Democratic Senate Leader said he would, quote, oppose me with everything he's got. A Democratic Senator on this committee publicly referred to me as evil. Evil. Think about that word, and said that those who supported me were, quote, complicit in evil."

KAVANAUGH: "When it was needed this allegation was unleashed and publicly deployed over Dr. Ford's wishes. and then -- and then as no-doubt was expected if not planned, came a long series of false, last-minute smears designed to scare me and drive me out of the process before any hearing occurred, crazy stuff, gangs, illegitimate children, fights on boats in Rhode island, all nonsense reported breathlessly and often uncritically by the media."

**Judge Kavanaugh condemned the "circus" that his nomination process has become and said its ultimate consequence will be to dissuade "confident and good people of all political persuasions from serving our country."**

KAVANAUGH: "This is a circus. The consequences will extend long past my nomination. The consequences will be with us for decades. This grotesque, character assassination will dissuade confident and good people of all political persuasions from serving our country."

**Judge Kavanaugh spoke on the devastating toll these baseless slanders have taken on his family, but made clear that he will not be driven out, he will never quit.**

KAVANAUGH: "This has destroyed my family and my good name. A good name built up through decades of very hard work and public service at the highest levels of the American government. This whole two-week effort has been a calculated and orchestrated political hit fueled with apparent pent-up anger about president trump and the 2016 election, fear that has been unfairly stoked about my judicial record."

KAVANAUGH: "I understand the passions of the moment, but I would say to those Senators, your words have meaning. Millions of Americans listen carefully to you given comments like those, is it any surprise that people have been willing to do anything to make any physical threat against my family, to send any violent e-mail to my wife, to make any kind of allegations against me and against my friends, to blow me up and take me down. For decades to come I fear the country will reap the whirlwind."

KAVANAUGH: "I will not be intimidated into withdrawing from this process. You've tried hard. You've given it your all. No one can question your efforts and your coordinated and well-funded effort to destroy my good name and destroy my family will not drive me out. The vile threats of violence against my family will not drive me out. You may defeat me in the final vote, but you'll never get me to quit. I'm here today to tell the never."

**Judge Kavanaugh highlighted that the supposed witnesses have all denied any knowledge of it and called for due process in light of these unfounded allegations.**

KAVANAUGH: "Less than two weeks ago Dr. Ford publicly accused me of committing wrongdoing at an event more than 36 years ago when we were both in high school. I denied the allegation immediately, categorically and unequivocally. All four people allegedly at the event including Dr. Ford's longtime friend, Miss Keyser have said they recalled no such event. Her longtime friend Miss Keyser said under penalty of felony that she does not know me, and does not believe she ever saw me at a party ever."

KAVANAUGH: "The person who is the subject of the allegations also deserves to be heard. Due process is a foundation of the American rule of law. Due process means listening to both sides."

KAVANAUGH: "After being in the public arena of 36 years without a hint, a whiff of an allegation like this and with my nomination to the Supreme Court was just about to be voted on at a time when I'm called evil by Democratic member of this committee, while Democratic opponents of my nomination say people will die if I am confirmed. This onslaught of last-minute allegations does not ring true."

KAVANAUGH: "Throughout that entire time, throughout my 53 years and seven months on this earth until last week, no one ever accused me of any kind of sexual misconduct. No one ever. A lifetime. A lifetime of public service and a lifetime of high-profile public service at the highest levels of American government, and never a hint of anything of this kind, and that's because nothing of this kind ever happened."

**Judge Kavanaugh pointed out that he has been fully vetted on numerous occasions and has submitted to hours of hearings, meetings, and questions.**

KAVANAUGH: "I was thoroughly vetted by the White House, the FBI, the American Bar Association and this committee. I sat before this committee for two thorough confirmation hearings in 2004 and 2006. For the past 12 leading up to my nomination to this job, I've served in a very public arena as a federal judge on what is often referred to as the second most important court in the country. I've handled some of the most significant and sensitive cases affecting the lives and liberties of the American people."

KAVANAUGH: "I have been a good judge and for this nomination another FBI background investigation, another Bar Association investigation, 31 hours of hearings, 65 senator meetings, 1200 written questions, more than all previous Supreme Court nominees combined."

### **By The Numbers | Vetting Judge Kavanaugh**

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- 6 cleared FBI background investigations
- 17,000+ pages of judicial opinions, speeches, and writings
- 290,000+ pages of publicly accessible e-mails and other documents from the Bush White House

- 34+ hours of sworn testimony
- 1,200+ written questions; more than all other SCOTUS nominees combined
- 3 interviews with the Committee under penalty of felony categorically denying all accusations

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Dear State, Local, and Tribal Partners,

I want to introduce you to the members of the Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) team and our current structure. In partnership with the intergovernmental team members in the Federal departments and agencies, we are grateful for the opportunity to serve the President and senior Administration officials as liaisons to state, local, and tribal leaders across the country. We look forward to working with you to advance shared priorities and continue to improve the local-state-federal partnership. Attached, please find the following information to help you connect with the IGA team:

- White House IGA team organizational information
- White House IGA team contact information
- Department and agency IGA team contact information

Thank you for your service and partnership!

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Judge Kavanaugh Is an Exceptionally Qualified and Deserving Nominee for the Supreme Court  
**Attachments:** Judge Brett Kavanaugh.pdf; Judge Brett Kavanaugh - By the Numbers.pdf

Attorneys General,

I wanted to share the below and attached with you regarding Judge Brett Kavanaugh, whose Supreme Court confirmation hearings began today.

Also, I wanted to note that I have started as Deputy Director for White House Intergovernmental Affairs and am responsible for Attorneys General. Please do not hesitate to reach out if I – or our team – can be of any assistance.

Thank you.

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## Judge Kavanaugh Is an Exceptionally Qualified and Deserving Nominee for the Supreme Court

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**EXCEPTIONALLY QUALIFIED:** Judge Kavanaugh's extensive experience and credentials make him one of the most exceptionally qualified Supreme Court nominees in history.

- On the night of his nomination, *USA Today* reported that "[o]n paper ... Kavanaugh may be the most qualified Supreme Court nominee in generations."
- The American Bar Association unanimously gave him its highest rating: well-qualified.
- He has served on the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, often called the Nation's "second highest court," for more than 12 years.
  - He has written more than 300 opinions and heard more than 2,000 cases.
  - At least 13 of his opinions have been vindicated by the Supreme Court—an unparalleled record of influence and success across the ideological spectrum.
- He is a co-author of a leading book on judicial precedent and has published nine articles in respected academic law journals.
- He has taught for more than a decade at the Nation's two top law schools, Yale and Harvard (where he was hired by then-Dean and now-Justice Elena Kagan).
  - The *New York Times* noted that his teaching evaluations reflect "glowing praise ... [m]ore than a few students said he was the most impressive law school professor they had ever encountered."
- He clerked for Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, who became a mentor.
- He has argued before the Supreme Court.
- He served more than five years in the White House, including as White House Staff Secretary and as Associate White House Counsel.

- He was a partner at a respected law firm, where he wrote several Supreme Court briefs and also provided pro bono legal services to a range of clients.
- He is a graduate of Yale College and Yale Law School, where he was an editor on law review.

**INDEPENDENT AND IMPARTIAL:** Judge Kavanaugh has a clear record as an independent and impartial arbiter of the law.

- He bases his rulings on the law—not politics, policy, or the identities of the litigants.
- He has ruled both for and against businesses, workers, environmentalists, landowners, civil-rights plaintiffs, political parties, and criminal defendants.
  - He ruled against the Republican National Committee in one campaign-finance case and in favor of Emily's List (a liberal pro-choice group) in another campaign-finance case.
  - He ruled in favor of a pro se African-American plaintiff who had been called the "n-word" at work, concluding that he had endured a hostile work environment.
  - He has ruled in favor of convicted drug dealers and murderers who were denied fair trials.
  - He has ruled in favor of environmentalist plaintiffs and the Environmental Protection Agency in some cases, and in favor of Western landowners and coal miners in others.
- He ruled at least 23 times against Bush Administration agencies from 2006 to 2008.
- His opinions are as likely to be joined in full by his Democrat-appointed colleagues (88.67 percent) as by his Republican-appointed colleagues (88.94 percent).
  - On at least 10 occasions, he has sided with a Democrat-appointed colleague over the dissent of a Republican-appointed colleague.
- Chief United States Circuit Judge Garland (appointed by President Clinton and nominated for the Supreme Court by President Obama) has joined Judge Kavanaugh's majority opinions 96.43 percent of the time.

**DEVOTED TO PRECEDENT:** Judge Kavanaugh's work demonstrates a strong devotion to precedent and stability in the law.

- He co-wrote a leading book on judicial precedent with 10 other judges.
  - The book explains that precedent is critical to stability in the law and "allows individuals to plan their affairs and to safely judge their legal rights."
- He has written that it is "essential for courts to be as consistent as we possibly can."
- His decisions have invoked *stare decisis* (the need to follow precedent).
  - In one opinion, he described an earlier decision as "wrongly decided," but said it was "water over the dam" because he was "bound to apply that precedent."

**MODEL OF CHARACTER:** Throughout his career, Judge Kavanaugh has proven to be a model of character, integrity, and public service.

- His mother, a trailblazing prosecutor and trial judge in Maryland, inspired him to pursue a career in law.
- He has spent 25 of the 28 years of his career in public service.
- He tutors low-income students, serves meals to the homeless, and is a lector at church.
- He coaches his daughters' basketball teams and serves as a mentor to his players.
  - The mother of one player described how Judge Kavanaugh has taken her daughter to the school's father-daughter dance every year since her husband passed away.
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**From:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 04, 2018 4:48 PM  
**Subject:** Judge Kavanaugh Is an Exceptionally Qualified and Deserving Nominee for the Supreme Court  
**Attachments:** Judge Brett Kavanaugh.pdf; Judge Brett Kavanaugh - By the Numbers.pdf

Attorneys General,

I wanted to share the below and attached with you regarding Judge Brett Kavanaugh, whose Supreme Court confirmation hearings began today.

Also, I wanted to note that I have started as Deputy Director for White House Intergovernmental Affairs and am responsible for Attorneys General. Please do not hesitate to reach out if I – or our team – can be of any assistance.

Thank you.

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## Judge Kavanaugh Is an Exceptionally Qualified and Deserving Nominee for the Supreme Court

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**EXCEPTIONALLY QUALIFIED:** Judge Kavanaugh's extensive experience and credentials make him one of the most exceptionally qualified Supreme Court nominees in history.

- On the night of his nomination, *USA Today* reported that "[o]n paper ... Kavanaugh may be the most qualified Supreme Court nominee in generations."
- The American Bar Association unanimously gave him its highest rating: well-qualified.
- He has served on the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, often called the Nation's "second highest court," for more than 12 years.
  - He has written more than 300 opinions and heard more than 2,000 cases.
  - At least 13 of his opinions have been vindicated by the Supreme Court—an unparalleled record of influence and success across the ideological spectrum.
- He is a co-author of a leading book on judicial precedent and has published nine articles in respected academic law journals.
- He has taught for more than a decade at the Nation's two top law schools, Yale and Harvard (where he was hired by then-Dean and now-Justice Elena Kagan).
  - The *New York Times* noted that his teaching evaluations reflect "glowing praise ... [m]ore than a few students said he was the most impressive law school professor they had ever encountered."
- He clerked for Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, who became a mentor.
- He has argued before the Supreme Court.
- He served more than five years in the White House, including as White House Staff Secretary and as Associate White House Counsel.

- He was a partner at a respected law firm, where he wrote several Supreme Court briefs and also provided pro bono legal services to a range of clients.
- He is a graduate of Yale College and Yale Law School, where he was an editor on law review.

**INDEPENDENT AND IMPARTIAL:** Judge Kavanaugh has a clear record as an independent and impartial arbiter of the law.

- He bases his rulings on the law—not politics, policy, or the identities of the litigants.
- He has ruled both for and against businesses, workers, environmentalists, landowners, civil-rights plaintiffs, political parties, and criminal defendants.
  - He ruled against the Republican National Committee in one campaign-finance case and in favor of Emily's List (a liberal pro-choice group) in another campaign-finance case.
  - He ruled in favor of a pro se African-American plaintiff who had been called the "n-word" at work, concluding that he had endured a hostile work environment.
  - He has ruled in favor of convicted drug dealers and murderers who were denied fair trials.
  - He has ruled in favor of environmentalist plaintiffs and the Environmental Protection Agency in some cases, and in favor of Western landowners and coal miners in others.
- He ruled at least 23 times against Bush Administration agencies from 2006 to 2008.
- His opinions are as likely to be joined in full by his Democrat-appointed colleagues (88.67 percent) as by his Republican-appointed colleagues (88.94 percent).
  - On at least 10 occasions, he has sided with a Democrat-appointed colleague over the dissent of a Republican-appointed colleague.
- Chief United States Circuit Judge Garland (appointed by President Clinton and nominated for the Supreme Court by President Obama) has joined Judge Kavanaugh's majority opinions 96.43 percent of the time.

**DEVOTED TO PRECEDENT:** Judge Kavanaugh's work demonstrates a strong devotion to precedent and stability in the law.

- He co-wrote a leading book on judicial precedent with 10 other judges.
  - The book explains that precedent is critical to stability in the law and "allows individuals to plan their affairs and to safely judge their legal rights."
- He has written that it is "essential for courts to be as consistent as we possibly can."
- His decisions have invoked *stare decisis* (the need to follow precedent).
  - In one opinion, he described an earlier decision as "wrongly decided," but said it was "water over the dam" because he was "bound to apply that precedent."

**MODEL OF CHARACTER:** Throughout his career, Judge Kavanaugh has proven to be a model of character, integrity, and public service.

- His mother, a trailblazing prosecutor and trial judge in Maryland, inspired him to pursue a career in law.
- He has spent 25 of the 28 years of his career in public service.
- He tutors low-income students, serves meals to the homeless, and is a lector at church.
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**Sent:** Friday, August 10, 2018 12:31 PM  
**To:** Deere, Judd P. EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** Parkinson, Zach Z. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** introduction

Hi everyone:

Let me first say how much I have enjoyed working with all of you at the state and local level to make sure you had information on what the President and this administration are doing. As a former state government employee, I fully understand and appreciate the important work you do every day for your boss and constituents.

After a little over eight months as the director of state communications and a short time as the acting director of government communications, I am transitioning to a new role in the Communications Department here at the White House.

I have cc'ed on this email Zach Parkinson. Zach is going to be taking over the government communications portfolio, which includes state communications. Zach has been our deputy director of research and brings a wealth of knowledge to this position. Zach is a former hill staffer who spent several years on the House side working for Rep. Diane Black.

I'm in the process of getting Zach caught up, but please consider him your point of contact moving forward. Please add him to any of your news release lists that you had me on.

I know you will all enjoy working with Zach. And I look forward to working with many of you in my new role, which should be officially announced soon.

Please let me or Zach know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 19, 2018 8:02 AM  
**To:** Deere, Judd P. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** KATHY KRANINGER IS THE RIGHT LEADER TO REFORM AND REFOCUS THE BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

The President's nominee to lead the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection is before the Senate Banking Committee this morning.

Below is some background on her to help you echo that she is right leader to lead the agency and protect consumers.

### **KATHY KRANINGER IS THE RIGHT LEADER TO REFORM AND REFOCUS THE BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION**

*"All Americans deserve accountability and respect – and that is what we are giving them." – President Donald J. Trump*

**DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT:** From the Peace Corps to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Kathy Kraninger has spent decades of her career in service to her country.

Kraninger has dedicated her career to public service and has served in a wide range of leadership roles in both the executive and legislative branches, including:

Associate Director of the OMB;

Clerk with the United States Senate Committee on Appropriations; and

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

In the wake of September 11, 2001 Kraninger responded to the threat to our country by volunteering to join the leadership team setting up the newly created DHS.

Her work at DHS resulted in numerous awards including the Secretary of Homeland Security's Award of Exceptional Service, the International Police and Public Safety 9/11 Medal, and the Meritorious Public Service Award from the United States Coast Guard.

Kraninger began her career in public service in 1997 as a United States Peace Corps volunteer.

**MANAGEMENT EXPERTISE:** Kathy Kraninger has the management skills and policy background necessary to reform and refocus the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (BCFP).

Throughout her career in public service, Kraninger has worked in leadership teams responsible for overseeing large government agencies with more than 230,000 employees.

Kraninger has extensive experience with Federal budgeting processes, procurement policy, and personnel management stemming from her work at OMB, DHS, and in the Congress.

Key for any potential BCFP Director, Kraninger's background has provided her with ample experience overseeing rulemakings, setting enforcement policy, developing agency policy, and conducting investigations.

Kraninger has expertise in key policy areas – including cybersecurity and privacy – that comprise core aspects of the duties performed by BCFP.

**RIGHT LEADER AT THE RIGHT TIME:** The BCFP needs the type of leadership Kathy Kraninger will bring to the agency.

- Years of poor leadership have made the agency an ineffective, poor steward of Federal dollars.
- The BCFP spends over \$600 million dollars per year without Congressional oversight.
  - The renovations of its rented headquarters are over budget, costing more than \$240 million and they are still not completed.

- The BCFP was undermined by its last permanent director, who advanced a blatantly partisan political agenda and wasted millions in taxpayer dollars.
  - Prior management built up a wasteful slush fund of more than \$150 million.
  - The BCFP spent nearly \$60 million for contracts with a politically connected public relations firm, which provided few real services to the agency.
- The BCFP has been the subject of numerous Congressional investigations due to its poor management and employment practices, reckless spending, and violations of due process.
  - The BCFP has exceeded its Congressional authorities, prompting Congress to overturn 2 of its rules through the use of the Congressional Review Act.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 17, 2018 7:01 AM  
**To:** Deere, Judd P. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** FW: U.S. Department of Labor Rescinds 2016 Persuader Rule

Flagging the below announcement from the Department of Labor. I know many of you had litigation against this rule.

Thanks so much!

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**From:** DOL Public Affairs <[m-DOLPublicAffairs@dol.gov](mailto:m-DOLPublicAffairs@dol.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 17, 2018 9:40 AM  
**Subject:** U.S. Department of Labor Rescinds 2016 Persuader Rule



## News Release

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U.S. Department of Labor | July 17, 2018

### **U.S. Department of Labor Rescinds 2016 Persuader Rule**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – The U.S. Department of Labor has rescinded the 2016 Persuader Rule, which exceeded the authority of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act (LMRDA). The Persuader Rule impinged on attorney-client privilege by requiring confidential information to be part of disclosures and was strongly condemned by many stakeholders, including the American Bar Association. A federal court has ruled that the Persuader Rule was incompatible with the law and client confidentiality.

“For decades, the Department enforced an easy-to-understand regulation: Personal interactions with employees done by employers’ consultants triggered reporting obligations, but advice between a client and attorney did not,” the Office of Policy’s Deputy Assistant Secretary Nathan Mehrens remarked. “By rescinding this Rule, the Department stands up for the rights of Americans to ask a question of their attorney without mandated disclosure to the government.”

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**Sent:** Friday, July 13, 2018 12:03 PM  
**To:** Deere, Judd P. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** Statements of Support for Judge Brett Kavanaugh Pour In

### THE WHITE HOUSE Office of the Press Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
July 13, 2018

#### Statements of Support for Judge Brett Kavanaugh Pour In

This week, 18 of Judge Brett Kavanaugh's female law clerks, 26 State Attorneys General, and more than 160 members of the Yale University community have signed letters praising his unsurpassed qualifications for a seat on the United States Supreme Court.

Judge Kavanaugh's female law clerks speak highly of the support and mentorship that he has provided, stating unequivocally that he "has been one of the strongest advocates in the federal judiciary for women lawyers."

"Starting with the numbers, Judge Kavanaugh has hired 25 women and 23 men as law clerks, achieving rare gender parity. That includes one year in which the Judge hired four women law clerks – something we understand had never previously been done at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. And he has sent 21 of those 25 women clerks – an impressive 84 percent – on to clerkships at the Supreme Court. During his White House remarks on July 9, 2018, Judge Kavanaugh said: 'I look for the best.' We are proud that so many of those hires have been talented women."

A majority of the Nation's State Attorneys General are urging the United States Senate to confirm Judge Kavanaugh, describing him as "an outstanding jurist with a proven commitment to upholding the Constitution and the rule of law."

"We have no doubt that he possesses the qualifications, temperament, and judicial philosophy to be an excellent Associate Justice. Throughout his career, Judge Kavanaugh has demonstrated an abiding commitment to the principles and freedoms on which our country was founded, and an unshakable respect for the proper role of the courts within our constitutional structure. The Senate should confirm Judge Kavanaugh without delay."

Yale students, alumni, and faculty signed a letter highlighting Judge Kavanaugh as "a faithful servant to his community" and praising him as "one of our nation's most distinguished jurists."

"Throughout his time on the federal bench, Judge Kavanaugh has been a valuable friend to the Yale community, visiting frequently to speak on important topics and to encourage admitted students to begin their legal careers in New Haven. More importantly, Judge Kavanaugh has been a faithful servant to his community in the Washington D.C. area. He is a basketball coach for his daughters' teams, and a regular volunteer with Catholic Charities. As the many students he has mentored will attest, he is a person of deep conviction and integrity. We are proud of Judge Kavanaugh's nomination, and believe that his accomplishments and qualifications speak for themselves."

[Read the letter from Judge Kavanaugh's female law clerks here.](#)

[Read the letter from the nation's states Attorneys General here.](#)

[Read the letter from the Yale community here.](#)

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2018 7:52 AM  
**To:** Deere, Judd P. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** The Legal Community is Giving Rave Reviews to Judge Brett Kavanaugh's Nomination to the Supreme Court

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
July 12, 2018

**WHAT THE LEGAL COMMUNITY IS SAYING ABOUT JUDGE BRETT KAVANAUGH'S  
NOMINATION TO THE SUPREME COURT**

**Law Professors and Deans**

**Georgetown Law Professor Randy Barnett:** "Kavanaugh's appointment would move the Court in the direction of textualism and originalism."

**George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School Adjunct Professor Jamil Jaffer:** "Judge Kavanaugh is an inspired pick by the President for this nomination to the Supreme Court."

**Harvard Law School Professor Jack Goldsmith:** "Brett Kavanaugh is immensely qualified for the Supreme Court: an outstanding lawyer and judge; a great teacher and serious scholar of the law; and a generous, honorable, kind person."

**Harvard Law School Professor John Manning:** "An inspiring teacher and mentor, Judge Kavanaugh has somehow always found extra time for his students, whether to dig deeper into important legal questions or to offer valuable career advice. Let me take this occasion to thank Judge Kavanaugh for the generosity, dedication, and collegiality he has shown our community."

**Harvard Law School Professor Richard Lazarus:** "Judge Kavanaugh has been an outstanding member of our teaching faculty. Our students have benefited enormously from his generous devotion of his time, his skills as a jurist, and his legal acumen."

**Hofstra Law Associate Dean and Professor Julian Ku:** "My overall take: Kavanaugh has set forth his views on the status of [international] law in US law much more clearly than any sitting SCOTUS justice and most federal judges. He would be a SCOTUS thought leader on these issues if he is confirmed."

**University of Southern California Gould School of Law Professor Orin Kerr:** "[Kavanaugh] has been a prominent conservative judge on the D.C. Circuit, and he is well known and well liked among the conservative legal elite. He has also been a thought leader whose views get attention and respect among the current Supreme Court justices."

**Yale Law School Dean Heather Gerken:** "I have known Brett Kavanaugh for many years. I can personally attest that, in addition to his government and judicial service, Judge Kavanaugh has been a longtime friend to many of us in the Yale Law School community. Ever since I joined the faculty, I have admired him for serving as a teacher and mentor to our students and for hiring a diverse set of clerks, in all respects, during his time on the court."

**Yale Law School Professor Akhil Reed Amar:** "Judge Kavanaugh commands wide and deep respect among scholars, lawyers, judges, and justices. Good appellate judges faithfully follow the Supreme Court; great ones

influence and help steer the Court. Several of Kavanaugh's biggest ideas have found their way into Supreme Court opinions."

**Yale Law School Professor William Eskridge:** "Brett Kavanaugh has been one of the most learned judges in America on a variety of issues, ranging from theories of statutory interpretation to separation of powers. We are proud that he is our graduate and eager to continue to learn from his judicial opinions and scholarly publications."

**Yale Law School Professor Abbe Gluck:** "... Brett Kavanaugh is a true intellectual--a leading thinker and writer on the subjects of statutory interpretation and federal courts; an incomparable mentor--someone who picks law clerks of all backgrounds and viewpoints; and a fair-minded jurist who believes in the rule of law. He is humble, collegial and cares deeply about the federal courts."

**Yale Law School Professor Kate Stith:** "He is a terrific judge. In my federal criminal law class, I love teaching his opinions because they are smart, thoughtful, and clear. He's also been a wonderful mentor and teacher to our students—not just to those who clerk for him, but those who meet with him during one of his many visits to Yale Law School."

### **Judge Kavanaugh's Former Law Clerks**

**Marguerite Colson:** "Brett Kavanaugh loves being a judge. But even more than being a judge, he loves being a father, friend, and mentor. He takes responsibility for each and every one of his clerks (no matter their ideological stripe), striving for their personal and professional success as if it were his own."

**Gillian Grossman:** "My clerkship with Judge Kavanaugh was as much a lesson in graciousness, humility, and compassion as it was in the law. Judge Kavanaugh's herculean work ethic and extraordinary intellect are matched only by his unimpeachable integrity and his love for his country."

**Zac Hudson:** "Judge Kavanaugh is a brilliant person who has a deep and nuanced understanding of the law. He judges each case fairly and independently based on an assessment of the facts and arguments with which he is presented. Policy and politics do not alter his approach to judging. This country would be fortunate to have Brett Kavanaugh as a Supreme Court Justice."

**Saritha Komatireddy:** "I considered it a special privilege to train under a man who had such fundamental respect for the law and a complete commitment to getting it right."

**Travis Lenkner:** "Judge Kavanaugh is a fair, independent judge for whom fidelity to the Constitution is the guiding light. He has been an incredible mentor to me and to all of his law clerks and students. He is a kind, genuine, down-to-earth person and a devoted husband and father. I know without a doubt that he will be a wonderful Supreme Court Justice."

**Caroline Littleton:** "At the end of my clerkship, my parents sent a short note to Judge Kavanaugh, thanking him for having been such a wonderful boss and mentor to me. Their note very easily could have gone without response, but instead Judge Kavanaugh took the time to write a heartfelt note in return, thanking them for how they raised me. To this day (nearly six years later), my parents still cherish that note. This is the kind of person that Judge Kavanaugh is—an extraordinarily thoughtful man, who goes out of his way to be kind."

**Jennifer Mascott:** "Judge Kavanaugh has one of the sharpest legal minds in the country. He has been a thought leader on the D.C. Circuit and has served consistently as an independent, fair-minded judge. He is very down-to-earth and kind and I am grateful for his willingness to serve as a mentor to his clerks."

**Roman Martinez:** "Ten years ago, I was honored to serve as law clerk to Judge Kavanaugh at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. I saw firsthand his reverence for the Constitution, his integrity, his fairness, and his overriding commitment to do justice in every case, big or small."

**Sarah Pitlyk:** "Judge Kavanaugh is an exemplary judge: brilliant, principled, and faithful to the text. He is also a gifted writer who meticulously crafts every opinion. His excellence and dedication have earned him the

admiration of colleagues across the political spectrum. It is hard to imagine anyone better suited to serve on the Supreme Court."

**Richard Re:** "Judge Kavanaugh is a master of the legal craft. His opinions are scholarly, influential, and unyieldingly reasoned. He has already left an important mark on the law, and, if confirmed, he would continue to be a fair-minded voice on the bench."

**Hagan Scotten:** "Judge Kavanaugh is a great judge who will make a great Justice. I learned a ton from Judge Kavanaugh even before I clerked for him, when I took a class he taught at my law school. He taught with the knowledge and clarity of the best professors. And his dedication to his students was legendary."

**Indraneel Sur:** "Since his first day at the D.C. Circuit, Judge Kavanaugh has stood ready to invest whatever amount of energy is necessary to get the reasoning and the result right in every case ... Of course, he would bring that same tireless dedication to the rule of law to the Supreme Court where he confirmed."

**Rebecca Taibleson:** "Judge Kavanaugh is a brilliant judge, and he has the disposition to match. He is even-handed, kind, and honest with everyone – colleagues, litigants, and staff alike."

**Caroline Van Zile:** "Judge Kavanaugh is incredibly qualified to be an associate justice of the Supreme Court. Beyond that, he is a good, kind and fair-minded person. Americans should be proud to have someone with his independence, integrity and character on the bench."

**Justin Walker:** "Anyone who knows Judge Brett Kavanaugh knows he reveres the Constitution. For 12 years on the second most important court in the country, Judge Kavanaugh has applied the Constitution as it is written. He knows that judging means going where text and precedent lead you, in a fair-minded, evenhanded manner ... That passion for our constitutional structure is among the reasons he's the smartest lawyer I've ever met and the best teacher I've ever had."

**Katie Wellington:** "The year I clerked for Judge Kavanaugh, he had hired four female law clerks – a first for any Judge on the D.C. Circuit. Today, he is a mentor to each of us as we pursue careers in public service, private practice, and academia."

**Candice Wong:** "Judge Kavanaugh taught us, his clerks, to be meticulous; he showed us that by thinking more rigorously and working more ferociously than any of us. But he also showed us the importance of hearing out all sides of an issue, being gracious to all parties, and making time for family and friends (and maybe some marathon training) outside of work."

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**Subject:** Judge Brett Kavanaugh Earns Widespread Praise from Editorial Boards Across the Country

Support continues to come in for Judge Brett Kavanaugh.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
July 11, 2018

**JUDGE BRETT KAVANAUGH EARNS WIDESPREAD PRAISE FROM EDITORIAL BOARDS  
ACROSS THE COUNTRY**

*Editorial boards across the country are calling Judge Brett Kavanaugh an “excellent choice” for the Supreme Court, touting his “exemplary record” and “first-rate legal mind.”*

**THE WALL STREET JOURNAL: Kavanaugh for the Court**

“Judge Kavanaugh has an exemplary record that suggests he will help to restore the Supreme Court to its proper, more modest role in American politics and society. Mr. Trump stressed the 53-year-old Judge Kavanaugh’s legal credentials Monday evening, and well he should ... He has the experience and intellect to be a leader on the Court.”

**THE POST AND COURIER (CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA): Kavanaugh the Right Choice**

“Brett Kavanaugh is a highly qualified ‘originalist’ who will help return the U.S. Supreme Court to its proper function in American society. The Senate should quickly confirm him. Judge Kavanaugh, who serves on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, the nation’s top appellate court, fits President Donald Trump’s promise to appoint judges known to adhere strictly to the original language of the Constitution and its amendments, and to closely follow the law as laid down by Congress.”

**THE DETROIT NEWS: Kavanaugh’s Record Defies Challenge**

“Brett Kavanaugh is an intelligent and deliberate judge who is poised to become a conservative thought leader on the U.S. Supreme court. His record on the appellate court suggests that President Trump’s nominee to succeed Justice Anthony Kennedy will maintain a commitment to interpreting the law as it is written, and not how he may wish it had been crafted. A neutral interpretation of the law is all anyone can ask of a Supreme Court justice.”

**RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH: A Good and Decent Choice for Supreme Court Justice**

“Brett Kavanaugh is a good and decent man who promises to uphold the rule of law rather than attempting to legislate from the bench. We applaud the president’s choice.”

**NEW YORK POST: Brett Kavanaugh is an Excellent Pick for the Supreme Court**

“Once again staying true to his campaign promises, President Trump just nominated Brett Kavanaugh as his pick to replace Justice Anthony Kennedy on the Supreme Court. It’s an excellent choice.”

## **LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL: Donald Trump Nominates Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court**

“Judge Kavanaugh is eminently accomplished. A graduate of Yale Law, he clerked for Justice Kennedy before working in the George W. Bush White House. He was confirmed for the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals in 2006 and has written more than 300 opinions during his 12 years on the bench. Judge Kavanaugh is firmly in the judicial mainstream.”

## **CHICAGO TRIBUNE: Judging Judge Kavanaugh**

“More important is weighing whether Kavanaugh will do the job in a careful, conscientious way, with a deep respect for the text of the Constitution, the language of statutes and the different responsibilities of the three branches of government ... Kavanaugh’s record suggests that by these standards, he’s highly qualified. In 12 years on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, which deals with especially complex regulatory cases, he’s authored some 300 decisions. Taken as a body of work, they reflect a great allegiance to the words of the Constitution.”

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE UNION LEADER: Qualified Kavanaugh: A Prudent Pick for the Court**

“Kavanaugh is an experienced, well-qualified pick, and would have easily won confirmation if that were the criteria used ... Judges, including Supreme Court justices, should be weighed on their ability to interpret the law as written, not the political preferences of those voting on their nominations.”

## **THE INTELLIGENCER AND WHEELING NEWS-REGISTER (WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA): Manchin Should Back Nominee**

“Kavanaugh has said that if confirmed to the Supreme Court, his allegiance will be to the Constitution as it is written, not to his personal preferences. That is precisely what the nation needs. That, not how Kavanaugh may rule on any single issue, ought to be Manchin’s concern.”

## **BOSTON HERALD: Nix the Toxic, Give Brett Kavanaugh a Shot**

“Kavanaugh is a solid pick for the Supreme Court. He is a true conservative and considered a brilliant thinker by his contemporaries.”

## **NATIONAL REVIEW: A Worthy Pick**

“Judge Brett Kavanaugh, President Donald Trump’s new nominee for the Supreme Court, is a whip-smart legal conservative. As a judge in the highest-profile appeals court in the nation, he has shown an exemplary dedication to the rule of law.”

## **THE WEEKLY STANDARD: Justice Kavanaugh?**

“[N]either Judge Kavanaugh’s words nor his achievements nor his character will give any fair-minded lawmaker, Democrat or Republican, reason to conclude that he is anything but a first-rate legal mind and a conspicuously qualified nominee.”

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**WHAT THEY ARE SAYING: CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR JUDGE BRETT KAVANAUGH'S  
NOMINATION TO THE SUPREME COURT**

**Senators**

**Sen. Dan Sullivan (AK):** "I've had the pleasure of knowing Judge Brett Kavanaugh for some time – dating back to when we worked together in the Bush administration. He is very well regarded as a judge on the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals – the second most important court in the country."

**Sen. Richard Shelby (AL):** ".@POTUS's #SCOTUSPick is an excellent choice. Judge Brett Kavanaugh has impressive credentials, and I look forward to meeting with him to further consider his qualifications & commitment to upholding our Constitution as it is written."

**Sen. John McCain (AZ):** "Judge Brett Kavanaugh has impeccable credentials & a strong record of upholding the Constitution. He is widely respected as a fair, independent & mainstream judge. I look forward to the Senate moving forward with a fair & thorough confirmation process."

**Sen. Marco Rubio (FL):** "Brett Kavanaugh is a qualified, mainstream jurist who possesses the right temperament and experience for the position, and I'm pleased to see his nomination to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court."

**Sen. Johnny Isakson (GA):** "Judge Kavanaugh is a talented & experienced jurist, and he shares a strong commitment to the Constitution & the rule of law. I look forward to ensuring that this highly qualified candidate is voted on by the Senate in time for the Court's next session."

**Sen. Joni Ernst (IA):** "Judge Brett Kavanaugh is a highly-qualified, well-respected justice committed to the rule of law."

**Sen. Jerry Moran (KS):** "As a former Supreme Court clerk for Justice Kennedy and current Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals since 2006, Judge Brett Kavanaugh is a well-qualified nominee with extensive experience in the legal field."

**Sen. Roy Blunt (MO):** "Judge Kavanaugh is a highly-qualified nominee with an outstanding legal background."

**Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith (MS):** "Judge Kavanaugh is a well-qualified conservative jurist, and I commend President Trump for his commitment to naming Supreme Court justices who are committed to the rule of law."

**Sen. Richard Burr (NC):** "In nominating Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, President Trump has put forth a highly qualified and respected candidate committed to the rule of law. Judge Kavanaugh's credentials are impeccable, and as a judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit he has considered many of the most pressing legal questions of our time."

**Sen. Ben Sasse (NE):** "Brett Kavanaugh is a serious jurist known for careful deliberation."

**Sen. John Hoeven (ND):** "Judge Kavanaugh's record shows a deep respect for and strict interpretation of the Constitution. Throughout his judicial career, Judge Kavanaugh has demonstrated a strong commitment to upholding the law, rather than legislating from the bench."

**Sen. Dean Heller (NV):** "Judge Kavanaugh has a record of adherence to the Constitution and has demonstrated a commitment to interpreting the law – not making it."

**Sen. Lindsey Graham (SC):** "Brett #Kavanaugh will be an outstanding Justice on the Supreme Court. I also want to congratulate President @realDonaldTrump on this great choice. What a great night for the American people!"

**Sen. Tim Scott (SC):** "Now, more than ever, we need a Supreme Court Justice that will uphold free speech, religious liberty, and the rights given by the Constitution. Judge Kavanaugh has an impressive resume, and I look forward to meeting him and learning more about him through the confirmation process."

**Sen. Lamar Alexander (TN):** "The president has nominated a well-qualified jurist."

**Sen. Ted Cruz (TX):** "By any measure, Judge Kavanaugh is one of the most respected federal judges in the country and I look forward to supporting his nomination to the Supreme Court of the United States."

**Sen. Ron Johnson (WI):** "A Supreme Court justice ought to be a judge, not a superlegislator – applying the Constitution as written, not altering it to reach a result. President Trump nominated a person who fit that description in Justice Neil Gorsuch last year, and to my understanding Judge Brett Kavanaugh fits it as well."

**Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (WV):** "Throughout his service, Judge Kavanaugh has demonstrated a strong commitment to the rule of law and to carefully considering the text and history of the Constitution, making him an ideal choice to be the next Supreme Court justice... I think President Trump made an excellent choice in nominating Judge Kavanaugh."

#### **Former President George W. Bush**

**Former President George W. Bush:** "President Trump has made an outstanding decision in nominating Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. Brett is a brilliant jurist who has faithfully applied the Constitution and laws throughout his 12 years on the D.C. Circuit."

#### **Members of the House**

**House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (CA):** "At every stage in his career, Judge Kavanaugh has demonstrated excellence that is worthy of the highest court in the land."

**House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte (VA):** "With @POTUS' nomination of Judge Kavanaugh to the #SCOTUS, he has chosen an individual w/ a distinguished career on the federal bench who has proven that he respects the Constitution's place in our system of government. I urge the Senate to act swiftly on this nomination."

**Rep. Mo Brooks (AL):** "President Trump made an excellent choice when he nominated Neil Gorsuch, and he has repeated his standard of excellence by nominating Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court."

**Rep. Bradley Byrne (AL):** "As a fair legal mind, defender of the Constitution, and a judge on the D.C. Circuit, Brett Kavanaugh is prepared for a seat on the Supreme Court. I support President Trump's nominee, and I hope the Senate will move expeditiously to confirm Judge Kavanaugh, a high quality and uniquely qualified nominee."

**Rep. Martha Roby (AL):** "This is truly a historic moment in our nation. I applaud POTUS' decision to nominate Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve on the Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh is a conservative, experienced jurist who I believe will be a strict constitutionalist on the bench."

**Rep. Steve Womack (AR):** "Tonight, @POTUS nominated Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court of the United States. I am confident he will continue to remain dedicated to conservative, constitutional values from the bench of this nation's highest court."

**Rep. Debbie Lesko (AZ):** "I'm pleased President Trump has nominated Brett Kavanaugh to the #SupremeCourt. He has a history of upholding the Constitution & the rule of law."

**Rep. Darrell Issa (CA):** "Brett Kavanaugh is an exemplary choice for the United States Supreme Court. I am more than confident @realDonaldTrump chose the right person to replace Justice Kennedy. I call on my colleagues in the Senate to confirm him as expeditiously as possible."

**Rep. Doug LaMalfa (CA):** "Brett Kavanaugh has established a track record of fighting regulatory overreach on the D.C. Court of Appeals since 2006, and he would bring those same values to the Supreme Court."

**Rep. Doug Lamborn (CO):** "In Judge Kavanaugh's career and professional experience, he has faithfully interpreted the Constitution and emphasized limited government. His conservative record is impressive, and I think President Trump made a great choice."

**Rep. Neal Dunn (FL):** "In announcing Judge Brett Kavanaugh's nomination for the Supreme Court, President Trump has taken another tangible step to secure the Constitution and ensure that the people of the United States remain preeminent, not the government."

**Rep. Matt Gaetz (FL):** "I commend President Trump for his selection of Brett M. Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. He is an excellent jurist, with a deep and abiding reverence for the Constitution. I have no doubt that, when confirmed, Justice Kavanaugh will serve America's highest court with honor and integrity."

**Rep. Karen Handel (GA):** "President Trump made an outstanding conservative pick in Judge Brett Kavanaugh. He brings the legal acumen, bench experience, temperament, and will serve with jurisprudence while resurrecting the Constitution."

**Rep. Austin Scott (GA):** "Judge Brett Kavanaugh will be an exceptional addition to the nation's highest court. He has a reputation for respecting the Constitution & the rule of law, & I am confident he will serve with distinction."

**Rep. Clay Higgins (LA):** "Judge Kavanaugh is an excellent choice. President Trump has again nominated a proven conservative Constitutionalist to the Supreme Court."

**Rep. Darin LaHood (IL):** "The President's nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court reaffirms that our Constitution will be strongly upheld within our nation's highest court."

**Rep. Rodney Davis (IL):** "Congratulations to Judge Brett Kavanaugh on being nominated to serve on the Supreme Court. He is an extremely qualified candidate who should be considered based on merit, not politics."

**Rep. Jim Banks (IN):** "Brett Kavanaugh will uphold our Constitution, defend the right to life and respect religious liberty. I urge my Senate colleagues to swiftly confirm his nomination."

**Rep. Todd Rokita (IN):** "I will fight alongside President Trump to ensure we secure Judge Kavanaugh as our next Supreme Court Justice and I am certain that he will strictly follow our Constitution and be a great asset to our Nation on the bench."

**Rep. Jackie Walorski (IN):** "President Trump made an excellent choice. Judge Kavanaugh has impeccable credentials and a strong record of defending the Constitution. I have no doubt he will continue to uphold the rule of law and respect the sanctity of life as a justice of the Supreme Court."

**Rep. Andy Harris (MD):** "Judge Kavanaugh is a fine choice to fill Justice Kennedy's seat on the Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh is a brilliant legal mind, and is well suited to follow in the footsteps of Justice Kennedy, for whom he previously clerked."

**Rep. Bruce Poliquin (ME):** "Brett Kavanaugh has an impressive tenure of service, as a jurist and as a clerk at the Supreme Court."

**Rep. Paul Mitchell (MI):** "President Trump made a great choice in his selection of Judge Brett Kavanaugh as his nominee for the Supreme Court. I am confident that as a rule of law justice he will be a strong replacement for Justice Kennedy."

**Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer (MO):** "Just as he did with the selection of Neil Gorsuch, President Trump has made an excellent decision in nominating Brett Kavanaugh."

**Rep. Jason Smith (MO):** "Judge Kavanaugh strikes me as an extremely qualified man of character who will interpret the Constitution as written. One of the most important decisions a president will ever make is who to nominate to #SCOTUS, and every indication is @realDonaldTrump made a great choice."

**Rep. Ann Wagner (MO):** "I applaud @POTUS' nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the #SCOTUS. Kavanaugh is a thought leader amongst his peers with impeccable credentials who deserves a fair and swift confirmation hearing in the U.S. Senate."

**Rep. Greg Gianforte (MT):** "President Trump has again nominated a constitutional conservative who will interpret our laws, not make laws from the bench. Given his background and record, I am confident Judge Kavanaugh will make an extraordinary justice who will adhere to America's constitutional principles and protect our freedoms."

**Rep. Ted Budd (NC):** "The selection of Brett Kavanaugh shows once again that the president is keeping his promise to put a serious constitutionalist on the court, beginning with Neil Gorsuch."

**Rep. Mark Meadows (NC):** "The hallmark of a Constitutional judge is one who evaluates the law as it is--not as they believe the law ought to be. Tonight is a victory for America--because for the second time, @POTUS has delivered a champion of this principle with the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh."

**Rep. Don Bacon (NE):** "Judge Kavanaugh's credentials are impeccable and he has a proven track record of applying the law as written, as well as enforcing the text, structure, and original understanding of the Constitution, and as amended."

**Rep. Warren Davidson (OH):** "President Trump promised to appoint someone with a deep reverence for the Constitution who defends the founding principles that made America great. Judge Brett Kavanaugh has earned widespread respect and now @POTUS nomination."

**Rep. Keith Rothfus (PA):** "We need jurists who will interpret and uphold the Constitution as written instead of legislating from the bench. The law must also be applied equally regardless of personal opinion or political persuasion. Judge Brett Kavanaugh understands this."

**Rep. Diane Black (TN):** "Judge Brett Kavanaugh has devoted his career to public service and protecting life - an outstanding choice by @realDonaldTrump!"

**Rep. David Kustoff (TN):** "I am very pleased to hear of @realDonaldTrump's nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve on the Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh will be a great, conservative addition to the bench, and I urge the Senate's swift confirmation."

**Rep. Phil Roe (TN):** "Brett Kavanaugh appears to be a judge who believes in limited government, as our Founding Fathers intended... I thank President Trump for his commitment to nominating a principled judge, and I look forward to seeing a decisive confirmation process in the Senate."

**Rep. Kevin Brady (TX):** "President Trump made a very strong choice in Judge Brett Kavanaugh, another qualified conservative voice like Judge Gorsuch, for the Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh is a well-respected, pro-life justice that believes in the rule of law and upholding the constitution."

**Rep. Michael McCaul (TX):** "I support @POTUS's selection of Brett Kavanaugh to be nominated to the Supreme Court. I urge the Senate to swiftly approve this qualified candidate."

**Rep. Pete Olson (TX):** "I am pleased President Trump nominated Judge Brett Kavanaugh to take over Justice Kennedy's seat on the Supreme Court. He has an outstanding reputation for respecting the Constitution and the rule of law. Judge Kavanaugh will be an exceptional addition to the Supreme Court. I encourage the Senate to act quickly to confirm him."

**Rep. Pete Sessions (TX):** "Judge Brett Kavanaugh is a proven public servant and brilliant legal mind, and I have no doubt he will continue to uphold the rule of law as a member of the U.S. Supreme Court."

**Rep. Lamar Smith (TX):** "With his pick of Judge Brett Kavanaugh, President Trump named a very qualified and distinguished jurist."

**Rep. Randy Weber (TX):** "A fantastic choice. Judge Kavanaugh is extremely well-qualified. Wishing him the best as he begins the confirmation process."

**Rep. Rob Wittman (VA):** "Fantastic pick by @POTUS tonight! Thrilled to see the President nominate a judge who has a proven record of protecting our inalienable rights, upholding the rule of law, and adhering to the Constitution's original intent. I hope to see the Senate swiftly confirm Judge Kavanaugh."

**Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA):** "I applaud and support President Trump's decision to nominate Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court of the United States."

**Rep. Sean Duffy (WI):** ".@POTUS is right: 'the rule of law is a cornerstone of our freedom.' He first found a Supreme Court Justice in Neil Gorsuch who believes just that, and Judge Brett Kavanaugh shows thus far that he holds that same sacred view."

**Rep. Mike Gallagher (WI):** "Judge Kavanaugh is an outstanding #SCOTUS pick. He's a highly respected jurist who holds the right judicial philosophy of stating what the law is, not what he thinks it should be."

#### State and Territory Officials

**Gov. Kay Ivey (AL):** "I applaud President Trump for his nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh clearly understands the proper role of a judge is to interpret the law as it is written and apply the law impartially."

**Gov. Asa Hutchinson (AR):** "I like President Trump's nomination of Brett Kavanaugh for the Supreme Court. He is highly qualified & has demonstrated his dedication to the rule of law through his service on the DC Circuit. I am hopeful for his timely confirmation."

**Gov. Doug Ducey (AZ):** "I want to offer my congratulations to Judge Brett Kavanaugh for being nominated by @realDonaldTrump to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. We're counting on Judge Kavanaugh to get a fair and speedy hearing by the U.S. Senate."

**Gov. Eddie Baza Calvo (Guam):** "On behalf of the people of Guam, Lt. Governor Ray Tenorio and I support President Donald J. Trump's nomination of federal Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh's experience and success in his duties make him a prime candidate for this prestigious position on the Supreme Court. We look forward to his approval by Congress and wish him the best during his nomination process."

**Gov. Kim Reynolds (IA):** "A great pick by @POTUS @realDonaldTrump. Judge Kavanaugh is a highly respected jurist who will apply laws as written, not as he would write them. A great day for America, for our constitutional tradition & for the rule of law."

**Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter (ID):** "In Judge Kavanaugh, President Trump has a SCOTUS nominee committed to upholding the Constitution, federalism, the rule of law and the proper role of government."

**Gov. Bruce Rauner (IL):** "Our nation deserves a justice who is qualified, experienced, and will faithfully interpret and defend the Constitution. Judge Brett Kavanaugh has impressive credentials and he deserves a fair hearing and swift vote on his nomination."

**Gov. Eric Holcomb (IN):** "Congratulations to Judge Brett Kavanaugh for his nomination to the #SCOTUS. The President has nominated a strong candidate who will uphold the Constitution & be a great addition to the court."

**Gov. Jeff Colyer (KS):** "I could not be more thrilled that President Trump has selected Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve on the Supreme Court. For the first time in a long time we will have a majority of constitutional conservatives on the Supreme Court, who will defend liberty and adhere to the constitution as written. The Senate should move quickly to confirm Judge Kavanaugh to fill Justice Kennedy's seat."

**Gov. Paul LePage (ME):** "Thank you @realDonaldTrump for your thoughtful appointment of Brett Kavanaugh to @Scotus to replace Justice Kennedy."

**Gov. Mike Parson (MO):** "Thanks to @realDonaldTrump, America is one step closer to a Supreme Court that reflects our values. The senate should move swiftly to confirm Judge Kavanaugh."

**Gov. Phil Bryant (MS):** "Judge Brett Kavanaugh is committed to the rule of law and will uphold the Constitution. @realDonaldTrump made an outstanding selection who deserves swift confirmation by the Senate."

**Gov. Doug Burgum (ND):** "In Judge Brett Kavanaugh, @POTUS has nominated an eminently qualified, highly respected jurist who will fairly and faithfully interpret the law and Constitution as written. Here's hoping for a speedy Senate confirmation process."

**Gov. Pete Ricketts (NE):** "Thank you to @POTUS for nominating Judge Kavanaugh — a jurist with a proven record of respecting the Constitution."

**Gov. Henry McMaster (SC):** "I have no doubt that Judge Brett Kavanaugh will make an outstanding Justice of the Supreme Court and will strictly defend the rule of law. President Trump promised to nominate conservative judges who will strictly follow the Constitution and exercise restraint rather than activism, and once again he has done just that."

**Gov. Bill Haslam (TN):** "Judge Brett Kavanaugh is an exceptional choice by President Donald Trump for the Supreme Court, and if confirmed, will uphold the Constitution and defend the rule of law. Judge Kavanaugh is uniquely qualified to serve on the Supreme Court, and his record shows that he will apply the law as written and enforce the original understanding of the Constitution. We congratulate Judge Kavanaugh on his nomination and look forward to his swift confirmation."

**Gov. Greg Abbott (TX):** "#SCOTUS nominee Kavanaugh gets prolonged & robust applause from Senators on his announcement. This bodes well for the strength of support he should get for confirmation. Kavanaugh brings substantial credentials to @Scotus."

**Gov. Scott Walker (WI):** "Brett Kavanaugh is an excellent nominee to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court."

**Lieutenant Governor Tim Griffin (AR):** "President @realDonaldTrump made an outstanding pick of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the #SCOTUS. He is one of the brightest legal minds in the U.S., has a stellar reputation and understands the proper role of the judiciary under our Constitution."

**Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg (IA):** "Another outstanding SCOTUS pick by the President. Among the most important decisions a president can make."

**Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor (OH):** "President @realDonaldTrump has made a wise choice for his SCOTUS nominee. Judge Kavanaugh's history as a defender of religious liberty and a crusader for regulatory reform is impressive. Americans deserve to be protected from government overreach and I urge a quick confirmation."

**Attorney General Leslie Rutledge (AR):** "Once again, President Donald Trump has appointed one of the country's top legal minds to serve on the nation's highest court."

**Attorney General Mark Brnovich (AZ):** "We need judges who will interpret the law and not make policy from the bench. The courts have become too politicized. Kavanaugh is an excellent choice who will say what the law is, not what he wants it to be."

**Attorney General Chris Carr (GA):** "I commend @POTUS for nominating Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. He is a well-respected jurist with a proven record of faithfully interpreting the rule of law. I congratulate Judge Kavanaugh and his family and hope for a quick confirmation by the Senate."

**Attorney General Mike DeWine (OH):** "President Trump has nominated an outstanding candidate in Judge Brett Kavanaugh for a seat on the U.S. Supreme Court to replace Justice Anthony M. Kennedy. We need justices like Judge Kavanaugh who will interpret the law through the meaning of the written U.S. Constitution and not legislate from the bench."

**Attorney General Jeff Landry (LA):** "President Trump promised to nominate conservative judges who will strictly follow the Constitution and exercise restraint rather than activism, and once again he has done just that."

**Attorney General Bill Schuette (MI):** "What a great decision by President Trump in nominating Judge Brett Kavanaugh for the United States Supreme Court. He is a rule of law, experienced judge who is smart and respects the Constitution – as written."

**Attorney General Josh Hawley (MO):** "Judge Kavanaugh is a remarkably qualified nominee for the Supreme Court. I have full confidence he will uphold the Constitution as the people wrote it, not impose his values from the bench. And that's what the people deserve. The balance of the court turns on this nomination and I applaud the President for his thoughtfulness on this decision."

**Attorney General Tim Fox (MT):** "President Trump made an excellent decision. Judge Kavanaugh is a brilliant jurist with a proven record of objectively interpreting laws and the Constitution. I urge the United States Senate to give this nomination adequate consideration, followed by swift confirmation."

**Attorney General Adam Laxalt (NV):** "I applaud the President's nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve on our Nation's highest court. Judge Kavanaugh has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to the rule of law in reading the constitution according to its original meaning, rather than reinterpreting our constitution according to his own personal preferences."

**Attorney General Alan Wilson (SC):** "Proud of [@realDonaldTrump](#) 4 nominating Judge Brett Kavanaugh. Great choice! I have appeared before him & he will be a great Sup Ct Justice"

**Attorney General Herbert Slatery (TN):** "I applaud President Trump for again keeping his promise to select a Supreme Court Justice with exemplary credentials-- conservative, very smart, and one who has an unwavering respect for our Constitution as it is written."

**Attorney General Ken Paxton (TX):** "Brett Kavanaugh is an extraordinarily well-qualified Supreme Court nominee, in the mold of Justice Gorsuch, President Trump's superb first pick for the high court. Judge Kavanaugh has distinguished himself as one of the nation's leading constitutional scholars."

**Attorney General Patrick Morrissey (WV):** "President Donald Trump continues to fulfill the promises he made to the American people by nominating Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh is a firm defender of the Constitution and is a highly-qualified jurist with impeccable credentials."

**Attorney General Sean Reyes (UT):** "I applaud President Trump for nominating Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States."

**60 Plus Association Founder and Chairman James Martin:** "President Trump's nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court is the latest example of how this president continues keeping the promises he made to the American people... Brett Kavanaugh has an outstanding record of well-reasoned, tempered decisions from the bench and will continue to be an outstanding jurist on the Supreme Court. I have every confidence that Judge Kavanaugh will be true to the president's goal of ensuring that the high court bases its decisions on the Constitution, not judicial activism."

**CATO Institute Senior Fellow in Constitutional Studies Ilya Shapiro:** "Brett Kavanaugh is a strong pick for the Supreme Court. In his 12 years on the D.C. Circuit, Judge Kavanaugh has demonstrated a devotion to legal text and constitutional principle."

**Concerned Women for America President and CEO Penny Nance:** "President Trump made a promise to the American people and, just as with the confirmation of Justice Neil Gorsuch, he is delivering on that promise. Judge Brett Kavanaugh is abundantly qualified to sit on the bench of the United States Supreme Court. He is among the best and brightest jurists on the appellate courts with a reputation of being fair and impartial in his decisions."

**Club for Growth President David McIntosh:** "Judge Brett Kavanaugh is a superbly qualified choice with a proven commitment to conservative constitutional jurisprudence. President Trump has demonstrated his commitment to economic conservatism and the Constitution with his nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh today, just as he did last year with his nomination of Justice Neil Gorsuch."

**Ethics and Public Policy Center President Ed Whelan:** "Congratulations to President Trump on his decision to nominate D.C. Circuit judge Brett M. Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. I very much look forward to Justice Kavanaugh."

**Ethics and Public Policy Center Senior Fellow Peter Wehner:** "Brett Kavanaugh, a former White House colleague, is a spectacular pick, a man of tremendous intellectual and moral integrity. He'll be a tremendous Supreme Court Justice."

**Faith & Freedom Coalition Chairman Ralph Reed:** "Judge Kavanaugh is an outstanding and eminently qualified legal mind who will apply the law as written – not legislate from the bench – and who respects the Constitution and the rule of law."

**Family Research Council President Tony Perkins:** "President Trump promised a constitutionalist – someone who will call balls and strikes according to the Constitution. Judge Kavanaugh has a long & praiseworthy history of judging as an originalist. We look forward to having a justice with his philosophical approach on the Court."

**First Liberty Institute President and CEO Kelly Shackelford:** "Judge Kavanaugh has demonstrated in his time on the bench a deep respect for the proper role of the judiciary. His opinions have consistently adhered to our founding principles that government exists to protect the God-given rights of the people and the Constitution exists to prevent government from infringing on those rights."

**Freedom Partners Executive Vice President Nathan Nascimento:** "President Trump has again delivered on his promise to nominate a Supreme Court justice who will interpret the law, uphold the freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution, and refrain from legislating from the bench. Judge Kavanaugh will make an exceptional justice, carrying with him excellent qualifications and the judicial restraint worthy of our nation's highest court."

**FreedomWorks President Adam Brandon:** "Judge Kavanaugh is a fantastic choice to succeed former Justice Kennedy on the Supreme Court. Kavanaugh has proven to be a staunch conservative who has relied on originalism and textualism while serving on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit."

**Heritage Action Executive Director Tim Chapman:** "I applaud President Trump for fulfilling yet another campaign promise to nominate a Supreme Court Justice in the mold of Justices Scalia and Gorsuch who will impartially uphold the law and the Constitution as written. Brett Kavanaugh is a judge who will, based on his record, not legislate from the bench, but instead faithfully interpret the law, honor the separation of powers, and uphold and protect individual rights spelled out in the Constitution."

**Heritage Foundation President Kay Coles James:** "Judge Brett Kavanaugh is known for many things - and fairness, impartiality, and faithfulness to the Constitution are chief among them ... Judge Kavanaugh will make an outstanding associate justice on the Supreme Court. I applaud the president on his choice and am grateful that he clearly understands the importance of fairness, impartiality, and faithfulness to the Constitution."

**Heritage Foundation Distinguished Fellow and Former Attorney General Edwin Meese III:** "With the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, President Trump has chosen a man who will be another great justice. Brett Kavanaugh follows the same pattern as Neil Gorsuch, a fair and independent jurist who will faithfully apply the law as written and honor the Constitution. The American people deserve a swift confirmation by the U.S. Senate so Brett Kavanaugh can take his seat on the high court when it reconvenes for the fall term in early October."

**Heritage Foundation Senior Fellow Mike Gonzalez:** "Judge Brett Kavanaugh is so the right choice. Unassailable."

**Independent Women's Forum Legal Fellow Erin Hawley:** "By nominating D.C. Circuit Judge Brett Kavanaugh, President Trump has fulfilled his pledge to put forward a judge who has demonstrated his commitment to the Constitution. A former law clerk to Justice Kennedy, whom he would replace, Judge Kavanaugh could not be more qualified."

**Independent Women's Voice President and CEO Heather Higgins:** "Trump goes for impeccable credentials in nominating Kavanaugh."

**Jewish Coalition For Religious Liberty's General Counsel Howard Slugh:** "As an organization devoted to protecting people's ability to follow the tenets of their faith without interference from the government, JCRL welcomes this nomination and is confident that Judge Kavanaugh's dedication to a consistent application of the original public meaning of both the Free Exercise and Establishment clauses will continue to secure this liberty for future generations."

**National Federation of Independent Business President and CEO Juanita Duggan:** "Judge Kavanaugh has a proven record of interpreting the U.S. Constitution according to its original meaning and has ruled consistently against regulatory agencies whose interpretation of the law exceeds its statutory authority ... Every small business owner has a stake in the next Supreme Court Justice, and we support the nomination of Judge Kavanaugh."

**National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference President Rev. Dr. Samuel Rodriguez:** "I join millions of Americans in congratulating Judge Brett Kavanaugh on his nomination to the Supreme Court, a well-respected jurist widely regarded for his intellect, temperament, as well as for his

dedication to the Constitution. While certainly conservative, Judge Kavanaugh is well within the mainstream of American legal thought and theory."

**National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action Executive Director Chris Cox:**

"President Trump has made another outstanding choice in nominating Brett Kavanaugh for the U.S. Supreme Court. He has an impressive record that demonstrates his strong support for the Second Amendment."

**Republican Jewish Coalition:** "Congratulations to Judge Brett Kavanaugh and his family. @POTUS made another great pick. We look forward to his confirmation!"

**Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council President and CEO Karen Kerrigan:** "Judge Kavanaugh's opinions have recognized the limits that the constitution and law place on the federal administrative state, and this is the type of judicial philosophy that will help to sustain liberty and economic freedom. Judge Kavanaugh is an impressive, mainstream selection that all members of the U.S. Senate should get behind and support."

**Students for Life of America President Kristan Hawkins:** "Judge Brett Kavanaugh will bring balance to the court in background and in judicial temperament. [Kavanaugh's] record of respect for the law is vital as so many activists attempt to use the courts to push their own social agendas ... This is no surprise selection. President Trump's list of potential nominees has been available for all to examine, and in choosing Brett Kavanaugh, he is keeping a promise to the American people."

**Susan B. Anthony List President Marjorie Dannenfelser:** "President Trump has made another outstanding choice in nominating Judge Brett Kavanaugh to replace Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, keeping his promise to nominate only originalist judges to the Court."

**Tea Party Express Co-Founder and Chief Strategist Sal Russo:** "We are excited that President Trump has chosen an eminently qualified Supreme Court nominee like Judge Kavanaugh who has an extensive and respectable record. He has already been confirmed by the U.S. Senate for his appointment to the DC Court of Appeals, and he should receive a bipartisan vote from the Senate now."

**Tea Party Patriots Action Honorary Chairman Jenny Beth Martin:** "President Trump has once again fulfilled his promise to nominate a fair and independent Supreme Court Justice who will honor the Constitution and the rule of law. Judge Kavanaugh has a stellar record as an originalist, and has proven to be a strong defender of the Second Amendment and freedom of speech and religion."

### **Media Commentary**

**Axios' Sam Baker:** "He's gonna get confirmed."

**CBS Chief Legal Correspondent Jan Crawford:** "He is a former law clerk for Justice Kennedy and he's considered a conservative intellectual powerhouse. His nomination could give Republicans a chance to change the direction of the Court for years to come."

**NBC's Chuck Todd:** "I think this is a pick that is a very confirmable pick."

**The New Republic's Matt Ford:** "Kavanaugh will fulfill the decades-old goal of a reliable conservative SCOTUS majority."

**NPR Legal Affairs Correspondent Nina Totenberg:** "He is ... an enormously skilled and very conservative jurist who as far as I can tell gets along with his colleagues very well."

**USA Today's Richard Wolf:** "On paper, Brett Michael Kavanaugh may be the most qualified Supreme Court nominee in generations."

**The Washington Post Columnist Michael Gerson:** "This is a truly excellent choice by the President. I know Brett Kavanaugh to be a man of character, decency and intellectual depth. He has the mind and temperament of a great Supreme Court justice."

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More information attached and below.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW | Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh

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- Judge Kavanaugh is the single most qualified person in the country to serve on the Supreme Court. His credentials are impeccable. He currently sits on the D.C. Circuit—the “Second Highest Court in the Land”—and serves as the Samuel Williston Lecturer in Law at Harvard Law School. He graduated from Yale Law School and clerked for Justice Kennedy.
- Judge Kavanaugh has a proven track record as the type of jurist that President Trump has promised to put on the Supreme Court. With over 300 published opinions, what you see is what you get: a judge who will apply the law as written and enforce the text, structure, and original understanding of the Constitution.
- Judge Kavanaugh’s respect for people threatened by government overreach has demonstrated itself again and again, and he has often rejected attempts by the federal government to impose onerous regulations on private citizens.
- Judge Kavanaugh is a true “judge’s judge.” He’s a thought-leader among his peers on the appellate courts and deeply respected by the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court has endorsed his opinions more than a dozen times, including Kavanaugh dissents that have become the law of the land. His opinions are regularly cited by courts across the country. Of his 48 clerks, 39 have gone on to clerk at the Supreme Court. And one of his clerks (Britt Grant) is even on the President’s list of potential Supreme Court nominees.
- Together with Justice Gorsuch and others, Judge Kavanaugh coauthored *The Law of Judicial Precedent*, a lengthy treatise on the role and importance of *stare decisis*.
- Judge Kavanaugh has devoted his life to public service. He has spent 25 of the last 28 years serving the American people, most notably as Associate Independent Counsel, Associate White House Counsel, Assistant and Staff Secretary to President George W. Bush, and—of course—as a judge.
- Judge Kavanaugh is active in his community. He coaches CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) basketball, acts as a reader at his church, serves meals to needy families, and tutors children at local elementary schools.
- Brett M. Kavanaugh has served for over a decade as a federal judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit—referred to as the “Second Highest Court in the Land”—building a first-rate judicial record and reputation.
- Judge Kavanaugh is a brilliant jurist with impeccable legal credentials and a clear, effective writing style. He is universally respected for his intellect, persuasiveness, and ability to build consensus. He understands that the role of a judge is to faithfully interpret the law, not to legislate from the bench. His authoritative legal opinions are known to shape the law and are often cited by judges around the country.
- Alongside his long career of public service, he is a youth basketball coach, a church volunteer, a family man, and a mentor in local schools. He stays active, playing basketball and running. His mother, Maryland Circuit Court

Judge Martha Kavanaugh, blazed a trail for women in the legal profession. He and his wife Ashley have two school-aged children.

- **Judge Kavanaugh is the best of the best, who builds consensus and decides cases based on the law, not personal policy preferences.**
    - Judge Kavanaugh once wrote, “The judge’s job is to interpret the law, not to make the law or make policy. So read the words of the statute as written. Read the text of the Constitution as written, mindful of history and tradition. Don’t make up new constitutional rights that are not in the text of the Constitution. Don’t shy away from enforcing constitutional rights that are in the text of the Constitution.”
  - **Judge Kavanaugh has an impressive career of public service.**
    - Judge Kavanaugh was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on May 26, 2006, to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. Sixteen current Senators—including one sitting Democrat—voted to confirm him.
    - Prior to serving on the court, Judge Kavanaugh had broad experience in private practice and in government service. He served in the White House as Senior Associate White House Counsel and eventually as Staff Secretary to President George W. Bush. Earlier in his career, he served as Associate Counsel to the Independent Counsel, Ken Starr; a Bristow fellow in the Office of Solicitor General; and a partner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP, where he specialized in appellate litigation.
  - **Judge Kavanaugh’s academic credentials are superb.**
    - After graduating with honors from Yale College in 1987, Judge Kavanaugh graduated from Yale Law School in 1990, where he was a Notes Editor on the *Yale Law Journal*. He clerked for Justice Anthony Kennedy of the Supreme Court, Ninth Circuit Judge Alex Kozinski, and Third Circuit Judge Walter Stapleton.
  - **Judge Kavanaugh has impeccable academic credentials and professional experience.**
    - Yale College, B.A., *cum laude*; Yale Law School, J.D.
    - Law Clerk to Justice Kennedy, Judge Stapleton (3d Cir.), Judge Kozinski (9th Cir.)
    - Bristow Fellow, Office of the Solicitor General, U.S. Department of Justice
    - Assistant to the President and Staff Secretary; Senior Associate White House Counsel; Associate White House Counsel
    - Partner, Kirkland & Ellis LLP
    - Associate Independent Counsel, authored parts of the Starr Report
    - Samuel Williston Lecturer in Law, Harvard Law School
  - **Judge Kavanaugh is an All-American Judge with a commitment to his country and community.**
    - Life-long member of the D.C. community
    - Avid sports fan, who plays and coaches basketball and runs marathons
    - Involved in his community through extensive charity work
  - **Judge Kavanaugh has an outstanding judicial record from his 12 years on the bench.**
    - Exactly the sort of judge the President promised, and exactly what the American people want: follows the law, not his policy preferences.
    - A judge’s judge:
      - The Supreme Court has endorsed his opinions more than a dozen times
      - His 100 most-cited opinions have been cited by more than 210 judges across the country
      - More than 50 circuit court opinions discuss or cite one of his concurrences or dissents
  - **Judge Kavanaugh is a mainstream judge who should be easily confirmed.**
    - Senators from both parties told the White House they wanted a real judge with outstanding credentials, who will respect precedent
    - Judge Kavanaugh is all of that and then some
    - Confirmed to the D.C. Circuit with bipartisan support
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Please see the invite below for tonight's briefing call. Thanks!

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**From:** Lagomarsino, Katie R. EOP/WHO  
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**Subject:** INVITE – Briefing Call with White House on 7/9 at 10:15 p.m. ET

State Leaders,

You are invited participate in a briefing with White House officials on **Monday, July 9 at 10:15 p.m. ET.**

### **White House Briefing**

- **Date:** Monday, July 9
- **Time:** 10:15 p.m. ET
- **RSVP HERE:** Please note you will receive instructions on accessing the conference call after you RSVP through the link.

This invitation is non-transferable. Please let us know if you have any questions.

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**Sent:** Monday, July 09, 2018 8:52 AM  
**To:** Deere, Judd P. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** Keeping His Promise: President Trump's Transparent, Consistent, And Principled Process For Choosing A Supreme Court Nominee

Good morning! Hope you all had a great July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday and weekend.

Today is a big day as President Trump will announce his nominee to fill Justice Anthony Kennedy's seat on the Supreme Court tonight at 9 p.m. ET. As soon as I have information to share on the nominee, I will get it to you.

To help prepare, please see the below fact sheet on the transparent process the President has followed.

One other note, the White House will be sending two roundups of positive statements/tweets on the nominee. If your boss would like to be included in the first roundup, please tweet or push a statement out by 9:45 p.m. ET. If you miss that deadline, I can definitely get you in the second roundup sometime tomorrow.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

### KEEPING HIS PROMISE: PRESIDENT TRUMP'S TRANSPARENT, CONSISTENT, AND PRINCIPLED PROCESS FOR CHOOSING A SUPREME COURT NOMINEE

*"In choosing a new Justice, I will select someone with impeccable credentials, great intellect, unbiased judgement, and deep reverence for the laws and Constitution of the United States." - President Donald J. Trump*

**TRANSPARENT:** President Donald J. Trump promised to be transparent, and to choose justices for the Supreme Court from a list made public for the American people to see and evaluate.

- As a candidate for President, Donald J. Trump provided to the American people a list of 21 possible nominees to replace the late Justice Antonin Scalia.
- In November 2017, after Justice Neil Gorsuch was confirmed to the Supreme Court, the President added five additional names, creating a final list of 25 candidates. The list is as follows:
  - Amy Coney Barrett of Indiana, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
  - Keith Blackwell of Georgia, Supreme Court of Georgia
  - Charles Canady of Florida, Supreme Court of Florida
  - Steven Colloton of Iowa, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
  - Allison Eid of Colorado, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
  - Britt Grant of Georgia, Supreme Court of Georgia
  - Raymond Gruender of Missouri, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
  - Thomas Hardiman of Pennsylvania, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
  - Brett Kavanaugh of Maryland, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
  - Raymond Kethledge of Michigan, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
  - Joan Larsen of Michigan, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
  - Mike Lee of Utah, United States Senator
  - Thomas Lee of Utah, Supreme Court of Utah
  - Edward Mansfield of Iowa, Supreme Court of Iowa
  - Federico Moreno of Florida, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida
  - Kevin Newsom of Alabama, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
  - William Pryor of Alabama, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

- Margaret Ryan of Virginia, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces
- David Stras of Minnesota, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- Diane Sykes of Wisconsin, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- Amul Thapar of Kentucky, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- Timothy Tymkovich of Colorado, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- Robert Young of Michigan, Supreme Court of Michigan (Ret.)
- Don Willett of Texas, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- Patrick Wyrick of Oklahoma, Supreme Court of Oklahoma

**CONSISTENT:** President Trump has repeated the transparent process he used to select Justice Neil Gorsuch.

- The President nominated Justice Neil Gorsuch from his original list of judges.
- President Trump: "I promised that, if elected, I would nominate a Justice who would be faithful and loyal to the Constitution. I even went one step further and publicly presented a list of 20 judges from which I would make my selection, and that's exactly what we did."

**PRINCIPLED:** President Trump has laid out a principled vision for Supreme Court justices who will faithfully interpret the Constitution as written.

- President Trump: "In choosing Justice Kennedy's replacement, my greatest responsibility is to select a Justice who will faithfully interpret the Constitution as written. Judges are not supposed to re-write the law, re-invent the Constitution, or substitute their own opinions for the will of the people expressed through their laws. We reject judicial activism and policy-making from the bench. The faithful application of the Constitution is the bedrock of our freedom, the foundation of our society, and the linchpin of our government. The American System tasks Congress with writing the laws, the executive with enforcing the laws, and the judiciary with issuing neutral judgments based upon those laws and the Constitution we have sworn to protect."

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## **HIGHLIGHTS | Key Excerpts from President Trump's Sunday Morning Interview**

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**POTUS on the brave men and women charged with enforcing U.S. immigration law:** "These are the guys that go in and take MS-13, and they take them out because they are much tougher than MS-13... ICE, Border Patrol, these are incredible patriots. The job they have is so dangerous... They go into Long Island, they actually liberate towns. They liberate towns. These are incredible people."

**POTUS on the "Abolish ICE" movement:** "The Democrats want to have no borders. They want to get rid of ICE... you get rid of ICE you're going to have a country that you're going to be afraid to walk out of your house.... you are going to have a county that's crime-ridden... Between Maxine Waters and Nancy Pelosi, and getting rid of ICE and having open borders... all it's going to do is lead to massive, massive crime. That's going to be their platform: open borders, which equals crime."

**POTUS on SCOTUS pick:** "I'm going to pick somebody's who's outstanding. And I think yes, I think we will go very quickly. I actually believe that. A lot of people think it's going to be very - it's probably going to be vicious because the other side, all they can do obstruct and resist. You know, their whole thing is resist. And maybe someday we'll be able to get along with the other side, I don't know. But right now it's only resist. That's all they want to do is stop things from happening. So they're going to try very hard; but I think it's going to go actually very quickly if I pick the right person."

**POTUS on the effects of the tax cuts:** "I think ultimately the tax cuts, as they kick in, and they're kicking in where you see the kind of hundreds of billions of dollars brought back into the country already. I think ultimately that's going to be something really special, and you're seeing the result right now."

**POTUS on Harley-Davidson:** "[Harley-Davidson] made this deal at the beginning of the year, long before they ever heard of the word tariff. They made this deal at the beginning of the year. And I don't think they should do it. I think that Harley is an American bike. It's an American motorcycle. And they should build them in this country... the people that are buying Harley-Davidson, they don't want it built in another country... Those are my voters. They don't want Harley-Davidson getting cute to make \$2 more."

**POTUS on trade:** "The big thing that I'm focused on now is trade. I have to straighten out trade deals... we have the worst trade deals in the world. We lose money with everybody... We're going to make it reciprocal, we're going to make them fair, and I will tell you that - you don't know about

this, but every country is calling every day, saying, 'let's make a deal, let's make a deal.' It's going to all work out... [O]ur country lost, last year, \$817 billion dollars in terms of deficit. We had a trade deficit... of \$817 billion -- with a B dollars last year -- before that, it was 800. This has been going on for years. We have rebuilt China, have a great relationship with China, great relationship with President Xi, I have tremendous respect for him, but I said, 'We have to straighten this out. We can't continue to do this.'"

**POTUS on the EU:** "The European Union is possibly as bad as China just smaller, OK. It's terrible what they did to us. European Union -- take a look at the car situation. They send a Mercedes in; we can't send our cars in. Look what they do to our farmers. They don't want our farm products. Now in all fairness they have their farmers. So they want to protect their farmers. But we don't protect ours and they protect theirs. The European Union last year made if you look at a trade surplus -- which I think is a very important thing, \$151 billion. Now we all sort of love the European Union... And I love those counties... but they treat us very badly. They treat us very unfairly... They made last year \$151 billion in trade surplus... On top of that we spend a fortune on NATO to protect them."

**POTUS on rolling back job-killing regulations:** "The regulation rollback has been the biggest ever in the history of our country. No president even during full-terms has cut back anywhere near what I've done, and we have more to do. Now, we're going to have regulation. We're going to have clean water. We're going to have clean air. We're going to have the cleanest water, cleanest air, but we are -- we have more regulation cutting to do. I think I may have had a bigger impact to this point."

**POTUS on the economy:** "So if you look at black unemployment, the best in history. Hispanic unemployment, the best in history. Lowest in the history of our country. Women, 64, 65 years the best in 65 years."

**POTUS on the vitriol in politics:** "Some of the language used, some of the words used, even some of the radical ideas, I really think they are very bad for the country. I think they are actually very dangerous for the country."

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You will likely find the below information helpful.

## **CORRECT THE RECORD | Senate Democrats on the Supreme Court Vacancy**

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**FICTION:** Any Supreme Court nomination should be held open until after the mid-term elections.

**FACT:** In 2010, President Obama nominated Elena Kagan less than six months before the mid-term elections, and 58 Democratic Senators voted to confirm her that August.

- In May 2010, President Obama nominated Elena Kagan less than six months before the mid-term elections.
- Less than three months before those mid-terms, 58 Democratic Senators voted to confirm Kagan in August 2010.
  - 26 of those Democrats are still in the Senate, including Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, Minority Whip Dick Durbin, and Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Dianne Feinstein.
  - The others are Sen. Michael Bennet (D-CO), Sen. Tom Carper (D-DE), Sen. Bill Nelson (D-FL), Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD), Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-MO), Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT), Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Sen. Bob Menendez (D-NJ), Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM), Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY), Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR), Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA), Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI), Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA), Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA), Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA), Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT).

**FICTION:** Senate Democrats calling for any nominee to be obstructed are simply following the precedent set by the 2016 Presidential election year Supreme Court vacancy.

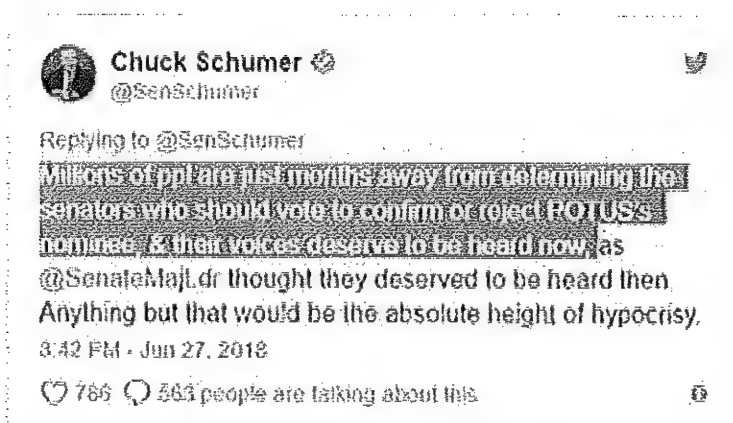
**FACT:** These Senate Democrats are directly contradicting what they said in 2010 about a Supreme Court nomination in a mid-term election year, when they called for swift consideration and confirmation.

- Sen. Chuck Schumer said there was "no reason" why Kagan's "confirmation should not be completed before the August recess."

### 2010

Sen. Chuck Schumer: Elena Kagan is the kind of moderate, experienced legal leader who can and should attract bipartisan support in the Senate. The fact that she has so much practical experience, on a Court where it is necessary, should be considered an asset. She has a long record as a consensus builder, and is the kind of person who can bridge the 5-4 divide that has become so troubling on this Court.

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- Sen. Dianne Feinstein said Kagan's nomination needed "to be considered by the Senate in a timely manner because we will need to move on to considering other critical matters..."

2010

### **Statement of Senator Feinstein on Nomination of Elena Kagan to Serve as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court**

May 10 2010

"The Constitution grants the Senate the solemn duty of providing advice and consent on nominations to the Supreme Court. I take this responsibility extremely seriously. Solicitor General Elena Kagan has a strong track record as one of the nation's top legal scholars, and as a leader with a special skill for bringing people together. I look forward to learning more about her judicial philosophy through the Senate Judiciary Committee's open hearing process, which I believe is an important opportunity for the public to hear directly from the nominee and shape their own views about her judicial expertise and temperament.

I am also very pleased that the President announced his nomination of Solicitor General Kagan in early May. Chief Justice Roberts and Justice Sotomayor were both confirmed in 72 days - that timeline would allow us to consider the nomination on the floor the third week of July. It's pretty clear to me that this nomination needs to be considered by the Senate in a timely manner because we will need to move on to considering other critical matters like the ratification of the START Treaty, the annual appropriations bills, a new jobs package, food safety, and other pending legislative priorities."

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Feinstein: "There should be no consideration of a Supreme Court nominee until the American people have a chance to weigh in." Leader McConnell set that standard in 2016 when he denied Judge Garland a hearing for nearly a year, and the Senate should follow the McConnell Standard."

3:58 PM - Jun 27, 2018

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- Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse said he looked forward to "participating in [Kagan's] confirmation hearing later this year."

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## WHITEHOUSE STATEMENT ON NOMINATION OF ELENA KAGAN TO THE SUPREME COURT

Washington, DC - U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, released the following statement today about President Obama's nomination of Solicitor General Elena Kagan to serve as the next Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court:

"Solicitor General Kagan has a reputation for great intellect, legal expertise, and an ability to bridge ideological divides," said Whitehouse, a former U.S. Attorney and Attorney General for Rhode Island. "And, if confirmed, Ms. Kagan, a trailblazer throughout her career, would be the third woman on the current Court -- a historic high. I look forward to reviewing the nomination and participating in the confirmation hearing later this year."

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### Whitehouse Statement on Justice Kennedy Retirement

Washington, DC - Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, released the following statement regarding the announcement of the retirement of Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy:

"On the heels of another Supreme Court term defined by a Republican 5-4 majority delivering big wins for right-wing and corporate interests, Justice Kennedy's retirement should be a wake up call to anyone who cares about equality and justice for all. With decisions like we've seen this week, the American people ought to be on high alert to this troubling pattern. I'll do everything in my power to keep President Trump, Senator McConnell, and their dark money backers from installing another nominee predetermined to assist the wealthy and powerful."



David Corn  
@DavidCornDC



### Resistance in the Senate? Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI):

"I'll do everything in my power to keep President Trump, Senator McConnell, and their dark-money backers from installing another nominee predetermined to assist the wealthy and powerful."

4:48 PM - Jun 27, 2018

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- Senator Warner called for the “prompt” Senate consideration of Kagan’s nomination.

2010

## Elena Kagan's nomination

May 10 2010

Senator Warner released the following statement today on President Obama's nomination of Elena Kagan to the Supreme Court, to fill the seat of retiring Justice John Paul Stevens.

"I believe the President has made a solid choice in nominating Elena Kagan for the Supreme Court. I first met her when she served as the dean of Harvard Law School, and she is very highly regarded across the ideological spectrum for her impressive background in government service and her strong academic and legal credentials. Last year, the Senate voted to confirm Elena Kagan to serve as Solicitor General, and **look forward to prompt Senate consideration of her nomination to the Supreme Court.**"

2018



Mark Warner  
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In just four months, the American people will determine the makeup of the United States Senate. Given the precedent set by Leader McConnell in 2016, **it is only appropriate that the Senate wait until the new Congress is seated to consider any nomination to the Supreme Court.**

9:11 AM - Jun 28, 2018

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**FICTION:** There is not enough time before the mid-term elections to consider a Supreme Court nomination.

**FACT:** In 2010, Senate Democrats said there was “ample” and “adequate” time to review a Supreme Court nominee.

- Then Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy said the Senate had “adequate time to thoroughly review” Kagan’s nomination and that he would “schedule her confirmation hearing promptly.”

**The Senate has adequate time to thoroughly review Ms. Kagan's impressive qualifications and academic writings, as well as her court filings and oral arguments while she has served the nation as Solicitor General, and consider her nomination this summer. I will work with Senator Sessions, the Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, to schedule her confirmation hearing promptly. The Senate acted responsibly to confirm both Chief Justice Roberts and Justice Sotomayor before the start of the Court's term in both of those instances. Applying the same standard to this nomination, the Senate should confirm Ms. Kagan before the August recess.**

Among the most serious constitutional duties entrusted to the Senate is the confirmation of Supreme Court Justices. Americans are looking to Washington to cast aside the political rancor and partisanship that has fueled so many recent debates. The decisions made at the nation's highest court affect the daily lives of all Americans. Our constituents deserve a civil and thoughtful debate on this nomination, followed by an up-or-down vote.

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- Sen. Ben Cardin said there was “ample time to review the nomination in a thoughtful and fair manner,” saying it was the Senate’s “responsibility to ensure timely consideration of the nomination.”

MAY 10, 2010

## CARDIN STATEMENT ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRESIDENT OBAMA'S SUPREME COURT NOMINEE

Washington, DC - U.S. Senator Benjamin L. Cardin (D-MD), a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, released the following statement in response to President Obama's announcement that he will nominate his Solicitor General Elena Kagan to serve on the Supreme Court, filling the seat of Justice John Paul Stevens.

"I welcome President Obama's announcement today that he intends to nominate Solicitor General Elena Kagan to fill the upcoming vacancy on the Supreme Court. As Solicitor General, a position often called the tenth justice, she would bring a unique, firsthand perspective to the court, along with a lifetime of broad legal experience. I appreciate the serious consideration behind President Obama's appointment and its promptness, which will give us ample time to review the nomination in a thoughtful and fair manner. It is our responsibility to ensure timely consideration of the nomination and a civil debate."

- President Obama said he was hopeful that Kagan would be confirmed "swiftly" so she could even join the court for the fall term, before the midterms.

And I think they would both be tremendously proud of their daughter -- a great lawyer, a great teacher, and a devoted public servant who I am confident will make an outstanding Supreme Court justice.

"I hope that the Senate will act in a bipartisan fashion -- they did in confirming Elena to be our solicitor general last year -- and that they will do the same as possible for the court. They have to persevere in this work of this court the fall."

With that, I would like to invite the person who I believe will be the next Supreme Court justice of the United States, Elena Kagan, to say a few words. (Applause.)

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
June 27, 2018

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Justice Kennedy has been a tireless voice for individual rights and the Founders' enduring vision of limited government. His words have left an indelible mark not only on this generation, but on the fabric of American history.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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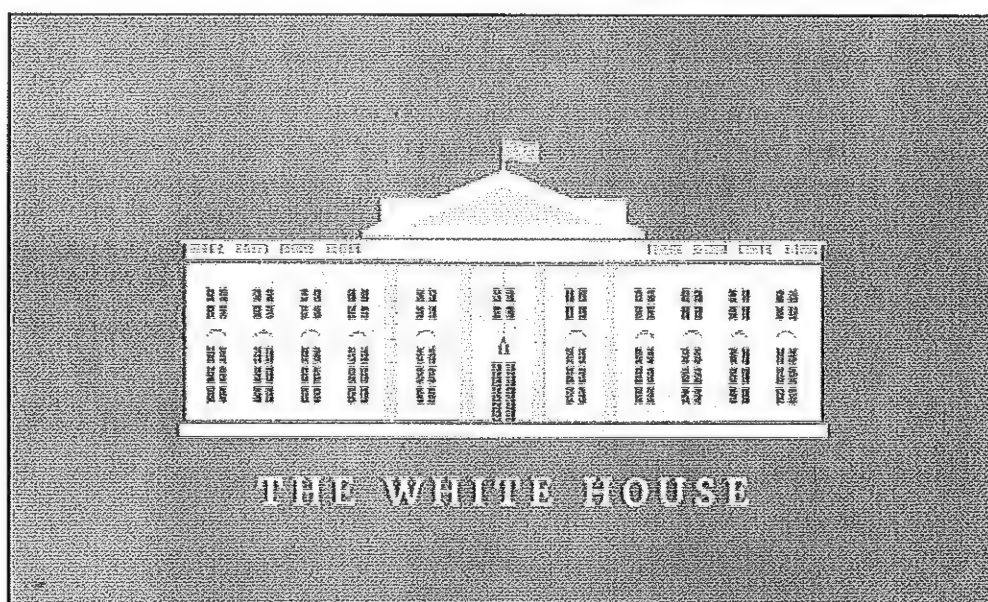
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  - **Taking Action To Combat Opioids:** President Trump and his Administration are committed to fighting opioid addiction across the Nation
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- **The Ads:** The first set of four ads brings to life four different, hyper-relatable addiction stories of young Americans who, in pursuit of more pain pills, go to extreme measures to feed their addiction -- including a purposeful car crash and a self-inflicted broken arm.
  - This multi-channel campaign will reach youth and young adults through donated media on digital platforms and social media, influencers and television.
  - Every aspect of the campaign is grounded in research, evaluation and expert input. The final product reflects the most engaging of approximately 150 tested messages.

- o This is the first of multiple advertising and awareness campaigns targeted to young Americans and the opioid crisis.

#### **Statement from the Press Secretary Regarding the Youth Opioid Prevention Ad Campaign**

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The first four ads, which are based on real life, tell the graphic stories of four young adults going to extreme lengths to maintain their prescription opioid addiction. These ads show young adults how quickly opioid addiction can occur, and the extreme lengths to which some go to continue use of drugs while in the grips of addiction. This will be the first of many ad campaigns from this Administration targeted to different audiences and varying aspects of the opioid crisis.

On day one of his Administration, President Donald J. Trump made combatting drug abuse and the opioid crisis a focal point of his Administration's agenda. In 2016, this crisis took the lives of 116 of our fellow Americans every day. This means opioid overdoses were responsible for killing more Americans than vehicle crashes, gun violence, or breast cancer. More than two-thirds of people in treatment for prescription opioids reported first using them before they were 25 years old. As we have said from the beginning, tackling this crisis will take a whole-of-government approach, and the Trump Administration remains committed to working with Congress, State, local, and tribal officials, and other important stakeholders to end this crisis once and for all.

This campaign is another critical step in the Trump Administration's effort to combat drug demand and the opioid crisis. The President's Initiative to Stop Opioid Abuse, which he announced on March 19, 2018, will help to reduce drug demand and save lives through education and awareness and by preventing over-prescribing, cutting off the flow of illicit drugs across our borders and into our communities, and expanding access to evidence-based treatment.

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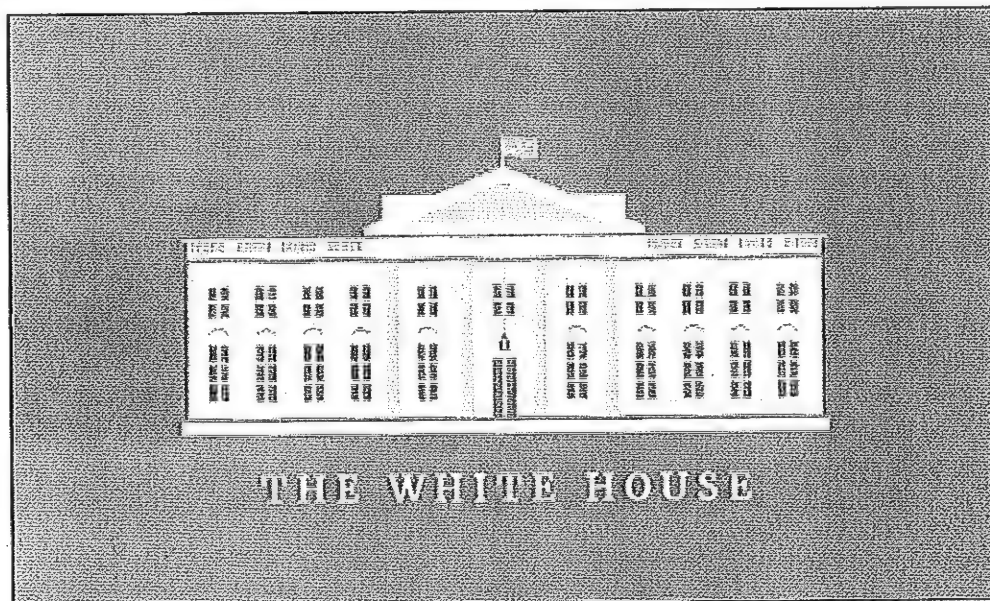
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Lastly, see what the President has done on the world stage during his first 500 days.

### **PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP'S 500 DAYS OF WINNING ON THE WORLD STAGE**

*"In confronting these dangers, we know that weakness is the surest path to conflict, and unmatched power is the surest means of our defense." – President Donald J. Trump*

**AMERICA FIRST FOREIGN POLICY:** President Donald J. Trump led America's return to leadership on the international stage, while prioritizing America's interests.

American leadership, security, prosperity, and accountability has been strengthened by President Trump.

American leadership in the world has been re-asserted, vital investments in our military have been secured, and threats to our national security interests have been confronted.

**CONFRONTING THE TERROR THREAT:** The Trump Administration has devastated ISIS' self-declared caliphate and curbed the global threat of terror against the United States and its allies.

- Trump Administration policy has led to the near total destruction of ISIS' self-declared caliphate, including the liberation of all Iraqi territory from ISIS control.
  - Of ISIS' total territorial loss, at least 50 percent occurred under President Trump.
- A punishing series of sanctions has been unveiled by the Trump Administration, targeting the supporters of terrorism around the globe.
- The new National Vetting Center was established by the Trump Administration to ensure those who come to the United States do not pose a threat to domestic security.

**RESTORING AMERICA'S STRENGTH:** The President has secured funding to rebuild our military and support our troops with the resources they deserve.

- Historic increases in defense funding were secured by President Trump in order to rebuild our Nation's military and provide our troops with the resources they need.
- President Trump signed legislation to provide \$700 billion in defense spending for fiscal year (FY) 2018 and \$716 billion for FY 2019 and a 2.4 percent pay raise for our servicemembers.

**STANDING BY OUR WORD AND OUR ALLIES:** President Trump has ended decades of talk and restored the credibility of America's word on the international stage.

- President Trump has made significant progress toward the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula, after decades of unsuccessful policies.
- After decades of unfulfilled promises from presidential candidates of both parties, President Trump recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and moved the U.S. Embassy there.
- President Trump ordered strikes against Syria in response to the regime's use of chemical weapons in April 2017 and April 2018.
- 17 Americans held overseas have returned under President Trump's leadership.

**NO MORE BAD DEALS:** President Trump has ended US participation in the Iran deal (JCPOA), which put at risk America's national security.

- President Trump terminated the United States' participation in the defective and one-sided Iran deal, which allowed Iran's military spending to increase 40 percent.
  - By re-imposing sanctions, President Trump shows we no longer makes empty threats.

- The President is working with our allies to find a comprehensive and lasting solution to the nuclear threat, including eliminating Iran's ballistic missile program.

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In his first 500 days, the President is making government more accountable. See below for more information.

### PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP'S 500 DAYS OF MAKING THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

*"All Americans deserve accountability and respect -- and that is what we are giving them." – President Donald J. Trump*

**REFORMING BUREAUCRACY:** Through Civil Service and VA reforms, President Donald J. Trump is refocusing the Federal workforce and increasing its accountability to taxpayers.

- President Trump signed legislation to bring more accountability to the Department of Veterans Affairs and provide our veterans with more choice in the care they receive.
  - President Trump signed into law the Department of Veterans Affairs Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act of 2017, and worked with Congress to forge an overwhelming bipartisan vote of support for the MISSION Act.
  - President Trump signed the VA Choice and Quality Employment Act into law, authorizing \$2.1 billion in additional funds for the Veterans Choice Program.
- The President has issued multiple executive orders aimed at reforming the civil service to work for the American people. These orders:
  - Require agencies to work on negotiating better, more efficient, union contracts and to make those contracts open to public inspection;
  - Cut down on tax-payer funded union activities at Federal agencies, saving tax-payers an estimated \$100 million a year; and
  - Enhance the accountability of the Federal bureaucracy by easing the process for removing poor performing employees and strengthening the merit system.
- The President issued his "One Federal Decision" memorandum of understanding, encouraging coordinated infrastructure permitting reviews across the Federal government.

**RETURNING CHOICE TO HEALTHCARE:** President Trump's actions on healthcare have increased options for Americans and returned decision-making about healthcare to individuals.

- President Trump successfully eliminated the penalty for Obamacare's burdensome individual mandate through the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.
- President Trump is expanding affordable coverage options through Association Health Plans and short-term, limited-duration plans for families and employers harmed by Obamacare.
- President Trump has released a blueprint to lower drug prices for American patients and consumers, reform Medicare programs, promote competition, and increase transparency.
- Last year alone, the FDA approved more new drugs than ever before in history, saving consumers \$8.8 billion. Medicare changes will save seniors an estimated \$320 million.

**EXPANDING LIBERTY: The President has appointed judges who faithfully apply the law and is working with State, local, and Tribal leaders to combat government overreach.**

- President Trump has appointed a record number of Federal judges, who are interpreting the law as it is written, promoting federalism, and standing for our individual constitutional liberties – including appointing Justice Neil Gorsuch to the United States Supreme Court.
- The President has protected freedom of conscience by issuing rules protecting religious employers from having to violate their religious or moral beliefs or shut their doors; revising FEMA policy to ensure that houses of worship receive the disaster aid to which they are legally entitled; and ardently defending religious liberty in the courts.
- President Trump has improved the accountability of America's immigration system and is actively combatting 'sanctuary city' laws, which endanger communities across the Nation.

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Turning our attention to the President's work to make the Nation more safe and secure in his first 500 days. See below for more information.

**PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP'S 500 DAYS OF MAKING OUR COMMUNITIES SAFER AND MORE SECURE**

*"Together, we are building a safe, strong, and proud America." – President Donald J. Trump*

**SECURING AMERICA'S BORDERS AND ENFORCING AMERICA'S LAWS: President Donald J. Trump has worked to secure our borders and fully enforce our Nation's immigration laws.**

- Despite insufficient resources and congressional obstruction, President Trump has stepped up to improve border security and enact immigration policies based on the rule of law.
- President Trump released an immigration framework which would finally secure our borders and close the loopholes that undermine our immigration system.
- President Trump authorized the deployment of the National Guard to the southern border to support efforts to stop illegal immigration and cut off supplies of illegal drugs.
- President Trump has established immigration enforcement policies based on the rule of law.
  - From the start of the administration to the end of FY 2017, ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) made 42 percent more arrests of illegal aliens compared to the prior year.
- President Trump's Administration has cracked down on the violent MS-13 gang which has sought to take advantage of our porous borders and immigration loopholes.
  - ICE Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) arrests of MS-13 members and associates increased by 83 percent from FY 2016 to FY 2017.
  - Working with partners in Central America, the Department of Justice secured criminal charges against more than 4,000 MS-13 members in 2017.

**HELPING AMERICAN COMMUNITIES HIT BY THE OPIOID CRISIS: President Donald J. Trump's Administration has fought back against the opioid crisis devastating communities.**

- President Trump launched a nationwide effort to combat the opioid crisis by reducing demand, cutting off illicit drug supplies, and expanding treatment opportunities.
- President Trump signed an omnibus spending bill which dedicated nearly \$4 billion to address the opioid epidemic.
  - The bill included critical funding for addiction prevention and treatment, law enforcement operations, research into alternative addiction treatments, and more.

- The Trump Administration has sought to improve treatment and recovery options for Americans struggling with addiction.
  - The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced a new Medicaid policy to increase access to treatment options.
  - The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved new treatments to help those struggling with addiction.
- President Trump's Administration is continually working to cut off illegal drug supplies.
  - The U.S. Border Patrol continues to work to stop drug supplies before they reach our communities, seizing more pounds of fentanyl so far in FY 2018 than in all of FY 2017.
  - The Department of Justice (DOJ) launched the Joint Criminal Opioid Darknet Enforcement (J-CODE) team, aimed at disrupting online illicit opioid sales.
  - President Trump signed the INTERDICTION Act into law, enhancing efforts to detect and intercept synthetic opioids such as fentanyl that are being illegally imported.
  - DOJ secured its first-ever indictments against Chinese fentanyl manufacturers.
  - A Department of Interior task force combating the opioid crisis in Tribal communities recently seized over 9,000 fentanyl pills and hundreds of pounds of other drugs.

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Specifics on the booming economy below.

#### **PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP'S 500 DAYS OF STRENGTHENING THE AMERICAN ECONOMY**

*"We're lifting up forgotten communities, creating exciting new opportunities, and helping every American find their path to the American Dream — the dream of a great job, a safe home, and a better life for their children." — President Donald J. Trump*

**A STRONGER AMERICAN ECONOMY:** President Donald J. Trump has used his first 500 days to strengthen the American economy, generating new opportunity and prosperity.

- Since President Trump took office, the economy has created nearly 3 million jobs and the unemployment rate has fallen to 3.8 percent, matching the lowest level in nearly 50 years.
  - African-American and Hispanic unemployment rates have hit record lows.
  - The unemployment rate for women has fallen to its lowest level since 1953.
- American workers are seeing more and more employment opportunities, with job openings reaching their highest level on record.
  - President Trump signed an Executive Order on apprenticeship programs to help prepare American workers to seize the opportunities available in today's economy.
- Consumer and business confidence and optimism have skyrocketed under the Trump economy.
- American manufacturing is thriving, with manufacturers expecting record levels of employment growth, capital investment, and inventory growth in a recent survey.

**AMERICA IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS:** President Donald J. Trump has enacted historic tax cuts and rolled back unnecessary regulations in order to unleash America's economic potential.

- President Trump signed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act into law, lowering the top corporate tax rate to make American business more competitive.

- As a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, at least 6 million workers will see wage increases, bonuses, benefit increases, and more.
- At least 75 utilities have announced they will lower rates due to the new law.
- President Trump has followed through on his pledge to cut costly, unnecessary regulations, achieving 22 deregulatory actions for every new regulatory action in 2017.
- President Trump signed legislation to roll back costly and harmful provisions in the Dodd-Frank Act, providing relief to credit unions, and community and regional banks.
- President Trump worked to curb costly rules and regulations that burden America's energy producers, farmers, and manufacturers.

**FREE, FAIR, AND RECIPROCAL TRADE: President Donald J. Trump has protected American workers and confronted unfair trade practices that have gone unchecked by Washington for years.**

- President Trump has worked to improve America's trade deals and has withdrawn from agreements that do not work for America.
  - During his first days in office, President Trump announced he was withdrawing the United States from the Trans-Pacific Partnership.
  - The Trump Administration secured amendments to the KORUS trade agreement with South Korea, including provisions to increase American automobile exports.
- President Trump is responding to China's unfair trade practices which have distorted global markets and harmed American commerce.
  - The Administration is working to address China's unfair intellectual property policies through a range of actions.

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Good morning!

We are marking the 500<sup>th</sup> Day of the Trump Administration. Below are some message points for your use today and throughout the week on Administration's accomplishments to date. As always, we appreciate you flagging any statements or social media posts your offices may issue regarding 500 day mark.

Thank you for your help amplifying the message!

**PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP'S 500 DAYS OF AMERICAN GREATNESS**

*"Our families will thrive. Our people will prosper. And our nation will forever be safe and strong and proud and mighty and free." – President Donald J. Trump*

**500 DAYS:** In his first 500 days in office President Donald J. Trump has achieved results domestically and internationally for the American people.

- Since taking office, President Trump has strengthened American leadership, security, prosperity, and accountability.
- After 500 days, the results are clear: the American economy is stronger, American workers are experiencing more opportunities, confidence is soaring, and business is booming.

- President Trump has re-asserted American leadership on the world stage, secured vital investments in our military, and stood up against threats to our national security.
- President Trump has put the American people first and made government more accountable.

**AMERICA'S ECONOMY IS STRONGER: The American economy is stronger today and American workers are better off thanks to President Trump's pro-growth agenda.**

- Nearly 3 million jobs have been created since President Trump took office.
  - 304,000 manufacturing jobs have been created since President Trump took office, and manufacturing employment stands at its highest level since December 2008.
  - 337,000 construction jobs have been created since President Trump took office, and construction employment stands at its highest level since June 2008.
- Under President Trump, the unemployment rate has dropped to 3.8, the lowest rate since April 2000, and job openings have reached 6.6 million, the highest level recorded.
  - 67 percent of Americans believe now is a good time to find a quality job, according to Gallup.
  - Only under President Trump have more than 50 percent of Americans believed it is a good time to find a quality job since Gallup began asking the question 17 years ago.
- President Trump prioritized job training and workforce development to empower workers to seize more opportunities, signing an Executive Order to expand apprenticeship opportunities.
- President Trump has restored confidence in the American economy, with confidence among both consumers and businesses reaching historic highs.
  - Consumer confidence in current conditions has reached a 17-year high, according to the Conference Board.
  - Optimism among manufacturers has hit record highs under President Trump, according to the National Association of Manufacturers.
  - Small business optimism has sustained record-high levels under President Trump according to the National Federation of Independent Business.
- President Trump signed the historic Tax Cuts and Jobs Act into law, cutting taxes for American families and making American business more competitive.
  - American families received \$3.2 trillion in gross tax cuts and saw the child tax credit double.
  - The top corporate tax rate was lowered from 35 percent to 21 percent so American businesses could be more competitive.
- President Trump has rolled back unnecessary job-killing regulations beyond expectations.
  - In 2017, President Trump far exceeded his promise to eliminate regulations at a two-to-one ratio, issuing 22 deregulatory actions for every new regulatory action.
  - The Administration rolled back rules and regulations harming farmers and energy producers, such as the Waters of the United States Rule and the Clean Power Plan.
  - Regional and community banks and credit unions got relief after President Trump signed legislation reducing harmful requirements imposed by the Dodd-Frank Act.
- Since taking office, President Trump has advanced free, fair, and reciprocal trade deals that protect American workers, ending decades of destructive trade policies.
  - Days after taking office, the President withdrew the United States from the Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations and agreement.
  - President Trump's Administration is working to defend American intellectual property from China's unfair practices through a range of actions.

- The President improved the KORUS trade agreement with the Republic of Korea, which will allow more U.S. automobile exports to South Korea with lower tariffs and increase U.S. pharmaceutical access to South Korea.
- American agriculture has gained access to new markets under President Trump.

**AMERICA IS WINNING ON THE WORLD STAGE: President Trump has re-asserted American leadership on the world stage and is achieving results for the American people.**

- President Trump followed through on his promise to move the U.S. Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem.
- President Trump ordered an end to United States participation in the horrible Iran deal and immediately began the process of re-imposing sanctions that had been lifted or waived.
  - The President has taken action to confront aggression by Iran and its proxies.
  - The Department of the Treasury has issued a range of sanctions targeting Iranian activities and entities, including the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps-Qods Force.
- Under President Trump, the United States has led an unprecedented global campaign to achieve the peaceful denuclearization of the Korean peninsula.
- President Trump's leadership has contributed to the return of 17 Americans held overseas.
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Lastly, see what the President has done on the world stage during his first 500 days.

### **PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP'S 500 DAYS OF WINNING ON THE WORLD STAGE**

*"In confronting these dangers, we know that weakness is the surest path to conflict, and unmatched power is the surest means of our defense." – President Donald J. Trump*

**AMERICA FIRST FOREIGN POLICY:** President Donald J. Trump led America's return to leadership on the international stage, while prioritizing America's interests.

American leadership, security, prosperity, and accountability has been strengthened by President Trump.

American leadership in the world has been re-asserted, vital investments in our military have been secured, and threats to our national security interests have been confronted.

**CONFRONTING THE TERROR THREAT:** The Trump Administration has devastated ISIS' self-declared caliphate and curbed the global threat of terror against the United States and its allies.

- Trump Administration policy has led to the near total destruction of ISIS' self-declared caliphate, including the liberation of all Iraqi territory from ISIS control.
  - Of ISIS' total territorial loss, at least 50 percent occurred under President Trump.
- A punishing series of sanctions has been unveiled by the Trump Administration, targeting the supporters of terrorism around the globe.
- The new National Vetting Center was established by the Trump Administration to ensure those who come to the United States do not pose a threat to domestic security.

**RESTORING AMERICA'S STRENGTH:** The President has secured funding to rebuild our military and support our troops with the resources they deserve.

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**STANDING BY OUR WORD AND OUR ALLIES:** President Trump has ended decades of talk and restored the credibility of America's word on the international stage.

- President Trump has made significant progress toward the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula, after decades of unsuccessful policies.
- After decades of unfulfilled promises from presidential candidates of both parties, President Trump recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and moved the U.S. Embassy there.
- President Trump ordered strikes against Syria in response to the regime's use of chemical weapons in April 2017 and April 2018.
- 17 Americans held overseas have returned under President Trump's leadership.

**NO MORE BAD DEALS:** President Trump has ended US participation in the Iran deal (JCPOA), which put at risk America's national security.

- President Trump terminated the United States' participation in the defective and one-sided Iran deal, which allowed Iran's military spending to increase 40 percent.
  - By re-imposing sanctions, President Trump shows we no longer makes empty threats.

- The President is working with our allies to find a comprehensive and lasting solution to the nuclear threat, including eliminating Iran's ballistic missile program.

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In his first 500 days, the President is making government more accountable. See below for more information.

### **PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP'S 500 DAYS OF MAKING THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE**

*"All Americans deserve accountability and respect – and that is what we are giving them." – President Donald J. Trump*

**REFORMING BUREAUCRACY:** Through Civil Service and VA reforms, President Donald J. Trump is refocusing the Federal workforce and increasing its accountability to taxpayers.

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- The President has issued multiple executive orders aimed at reforming the civil service to work for the American people. These orders:
  - Require agencies to work on negotiating better, more efficient, union contracts and to make those contracts open to public inspection;
  - Cut down on tax-payer funded union activities at Federal agencies, saving tax-payers an estimated \$100 million a year; and
  - Enhance the accountability of the Federal bureaucracy by easing the process for removing poor performing employees and strengthening the merit system.
- The President issued his "One Federal Decision" memorandum of understanding, encouraging coordinated infrastructure permitting reviews across the Federal government.

**RETURNING CHOICE TO HEALTHCARE:** President Trump's actions on healthcare have increased options for Americans and returned decision-making about healthcare to individuals.

- President Trump successfully eliminated the penalty for Obamacare's burdensome individual mandate through the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.
- President Trump is expanding affordable coverage options through Association Health Plans and short-term, limited-duration plans for families and employers harmed by Obamacare.
- President Trump has released a blueprint to lower drug prices for American patients and consumers, reform Medicare programs, promote competition, and increase transparency.
- Last year alone, the FDA approved more new drugs than ever before in history, saving consumers \$8.8 billion. Medicare changes will save seniors an estimated \$320 million.

**EXPANDING LIBERTY:** The President has appointed judges who faithfully apply the law and is working with State, local, and Tribal leaders to combat government overreach.

- President Trump has appointed a record number of Federal judges, who are interpreting the law as it is written, promoting federalism, and standing for our individual constitutional liberties – including appointing Justice Neil Gorsuch to the United States Supreme Court.
- The President has protected freedom of conscience by issuing rules protecting religious employers from having to violate their religious or moral beliefs or shut their doors; revising FEMA policy to ensure that houses of worship receive the disaster aid to which they are legally entitled; and ardently defending religious liberty in the courts.
- President Trump has improved the accountability of America's immigration system and is actively combatting 'sanctuary city' laws, which endanger communities across the Nation.

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Turning our attention to the President's work to make the Nation more safe and secure in his first 500 days. See below for more information.

**PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP'S 500 DAYS OF MAKING OUR COMMUNITIES SAFER AND MORE SECURE**

*"Together, we are building a safe, strong, and proud America." – President Donald J. Trump*

**SECURING AMERICA'S BORDERS AND ENFORCING AMERICA'S LAWS:** President Donald J. Trump has worked to secure our borders and fully enforce our Nation's Immigration laws.

- Despite insufficient resources and congressional obstruction, President Trump has stepped up to improve border security and enact immigration policies based on the rule of law.
- President Trump released an immigration framework which would finally secure our borders and close the loopholes that undermine our immigration system.
- President Trump authorized the deployment of the National Guard to the southern border to support efforts to stop illegal immigration and cut off supplies of illegal drugs.
- President Trump has established immigration enforcement policies based on the rule of law.
  - From the start of the administration to the end of FY 2017, ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) made 42 percent more arrests of illegal aliens compared to the prior year.
- President Trump's Administration has cracked down on the violent MS-13 gang which has sought to take advantage of our porous borders and immigration loopholes.
  - ICE Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) arrests of MS-13 members and associates increased by 83 percent from FY 2016 to FY 2017.
  - Working with partners in Central America, the Department of Justice secured criminal charges against more than 4,000 MS-13 members in 2017.

**HELPING AMERICAN COMMUNITIES HIT BY THE OPIOID CRISIS:** President Donald J. Trump's Administration has fought back against the opioid crisis devastating communities.

- President Trump launched a nationwide effort to combat the opioid crisis by reducing demand, cutting off illicit drug supplies, and expanding treatment opportunities.
- President Trump signed an omnibus spending bill which dedicated nearly \$4 billion to address the opioid epidemic.
  - The bill included critical funding for addiction prevention and treatment, law enforcement operations, research into alternative addiction treatments, and more.

- The Trump Administration has sought to improve treatment and recovery options for Americans struggling with addiction.
  - The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced a new Medicaid policy to increase access to treatment options.
  - The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved new treatments to help those struggling with addiction.
- President Trump's Administration is continually working to cut off illegal drug supplies.
  - The U.S. Border Patrol continues to work to stop drug supplies before they reach our communities, seizing more pounds of fentanyl so far in FY 2018 than in all of FY 2017.
  - The Department of Justice (DOJ) launched the Joint Criminal Opioid Darknet Enforcement (J-CODE) team, aimed at disrupting online illicit opioid sales.
  - President Trump signed the INTERDICTION Act into law, enhancing efforts to detect and intercept synthetic opioids such as fentanyl that are being illegally imported.
  - DOJ secured its first-ever indictments against Chinese fentanyl manufacturers.
  - A Department of Interior task force combating the opioid crisis in Tribal communities recently seized over 9,000 fentanyl pills and hundreds of pounds of other drugs.

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Specifics on the booming economy below.

#### **PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP'S 500 DAYS OF STRENGTHENING THE AMERICAN ECONOMY**

*"We're lifting up forgotten communities, creating exciting new opportunities, and helping every American find their path to the American Dream — the dream of a great job, a safe home, and a better life for their children." — President Donald J. Trump*

**A STRONGER AMERICAN ECONOMY:** President Donald J. Trump has used his first 500 days to strengthen the American economy, generating new opportunity and prosperity.

- Since President Trump took office, the economy has created nearly 3 million jobs and the unemployment rate has fallen to 3.8 percent, matching the lowest level in nearly 50 years.
  - African-American and Hispanic unemployment rates have hit record lows.
  - The unemployment rate for women has fallen to its lowest level since 1953.
- American workers are seeing more and more employment opportunities, with job openings reaching their highest level on record.
  - President Trump signed an Executive Order on apprenticeship programs to help prepare American workers to seize the opportunities available in today's economy.
- Consumer and business confidence and optimism have skyrocketed under the Trump economy.
- American manufacturing is thriving, with manufacturers expecting record levels of employment growth, capital investment, and inventory growth in a recent survey.

**AMERICA IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS:** President Donald J. Trump has enacted historic tax cuts and rolled back unnecessary regulations in order to unleash America's economic potential.

- President Trump signed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act into law, lowering the top corporate tax rate to make American business more competitive.

- As a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, at least 6 million workers will see wage increases, bonuses, benefit increases, and more.
- At least 75 utilities have announced they will lower rates due to the new law.
- President Trump has followed through on his pledge to cut costly, unnecessary regulations, achieving 22 deregulatory actions for every new regulatory action in 2017.
- President Trump signed legislation to roll back costly and harmful provisions in the Dodd-Frank Act, providing relief to credit unions, and community and regional banks.
- President Trump worked to curb costly rules and regulations that burden America's energy producers, farmers, and manufacturers.

**FREE, FAIR, AND RECIPROCAL TRADE:** President Donald J. Trump has protected American workers and confronted unfair trade practices that have gone unchecked by Washington for years.

- President Trump has worked to improve America's trade deals and has withdrawn from agreements that do not work for America.
  - During his first days in office, President Trump announced he was withdrawing the United States from the Trans-Pacific Partnership.
  - The Trump Administration secured amendments to the KORUS trade agreement with South Korea, including provisions to increase American automobile exports.
- President Trump is responding to China's unfair trade practices which have distorted global markets and harmed American commerce.
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We are marking the 500<sup>th</sup> Day of the Trump Administration. Below are some message points for your use today and throughout the week on Administration's accomplishments to date. As always, we appreciate you flagging any statements or social media posts your offices may issue regarding 500 day mark.

Thank you for your help amplifying the message!

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*"Our families will thrive. Our people will prosper. And our nation will forever be safe and strong and proud and mighty and free." – President Donald J. Trump*

**500 DAYS:** In his first 500 days in office President Donald J. Trump has achieved results domestically and internationally for the American people.

- Since taking office, President Trump has strengthened American leadership, security, prosperity, and accountability.
- After 500 days, the results are clear: the American economy is stronger, American workers are experiencing more opportunities, confidence is soaring, and business is booming.

- President Trump has re-asserted American leadership on the world stage, secured vital investments in our military, and stood up against threats to our national security.
- President Trump has put the American people first and made government more accountable.

**AMERICA'S ECONOMY IS STRONGER:** The American economy is stronger today and American workers are better off thanks to President Trump's pro-growth agenda.

- Nearly 3 million jobs have been created since President Trump took office.
  - 304,000 manufacturing jobs have been created since President Trump took office, and manufacturing employment stands at its highest level since December 2008.
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- Under President Trump, the unemployment rate has dropped to 3.8, the lowest rate since April 2000, and job openings have reached 6.6 million, the highest level recorded.
  - 67 percent of Americans believe now is a good time to find a quality job, according to Gallup.
  - Only under President Trump have more than 50 percent of Americans believed it is a good time to find a quality job since Gallup began asking the question 17 years ago.
- President Trump prioritized job training and workforce development to empower workers to seize more opportunities, signing an Executive Order to expand apprenticeship opportunities.
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This invitation is non-transferable. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
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Good morning,

Below you will find additional information on the Trump Administration's Proposed Title X Rule.

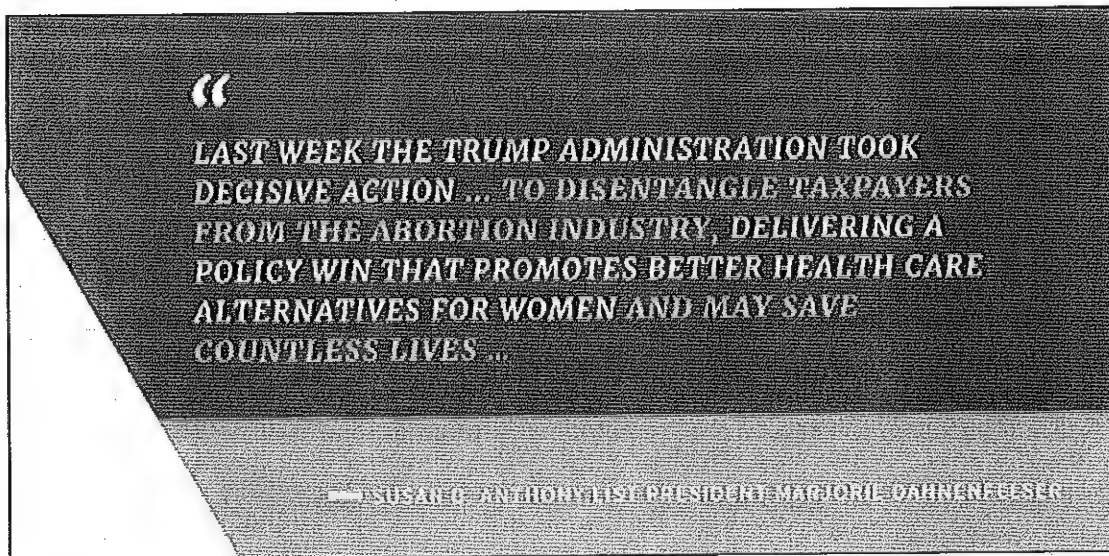
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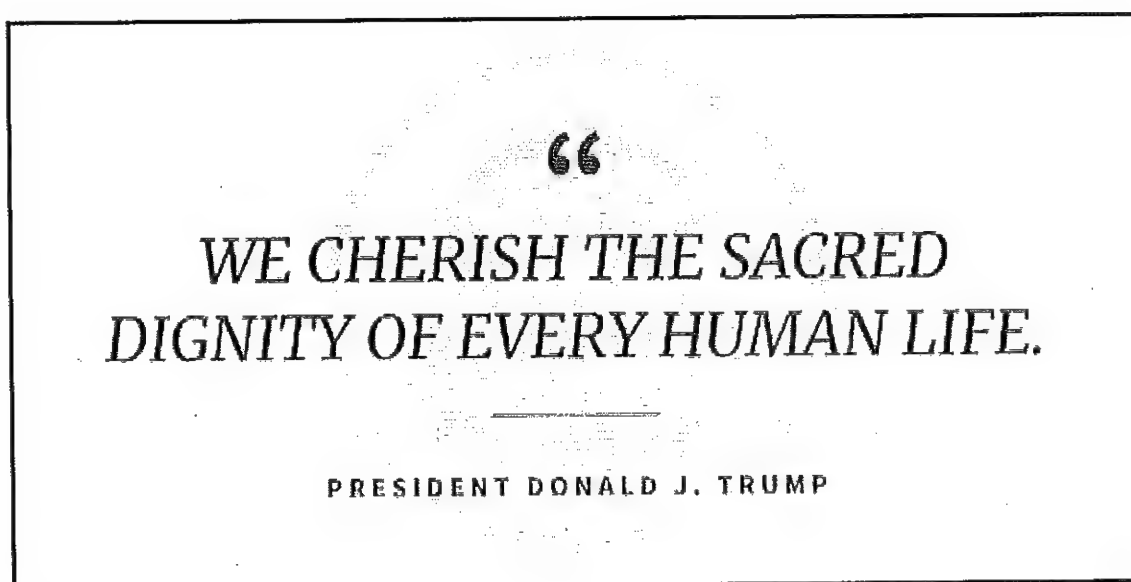
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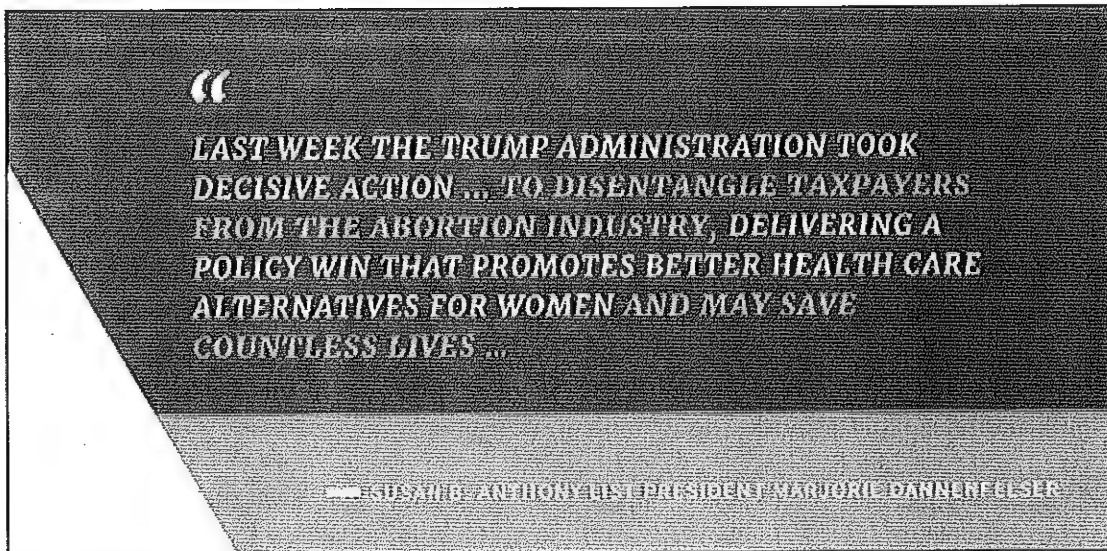
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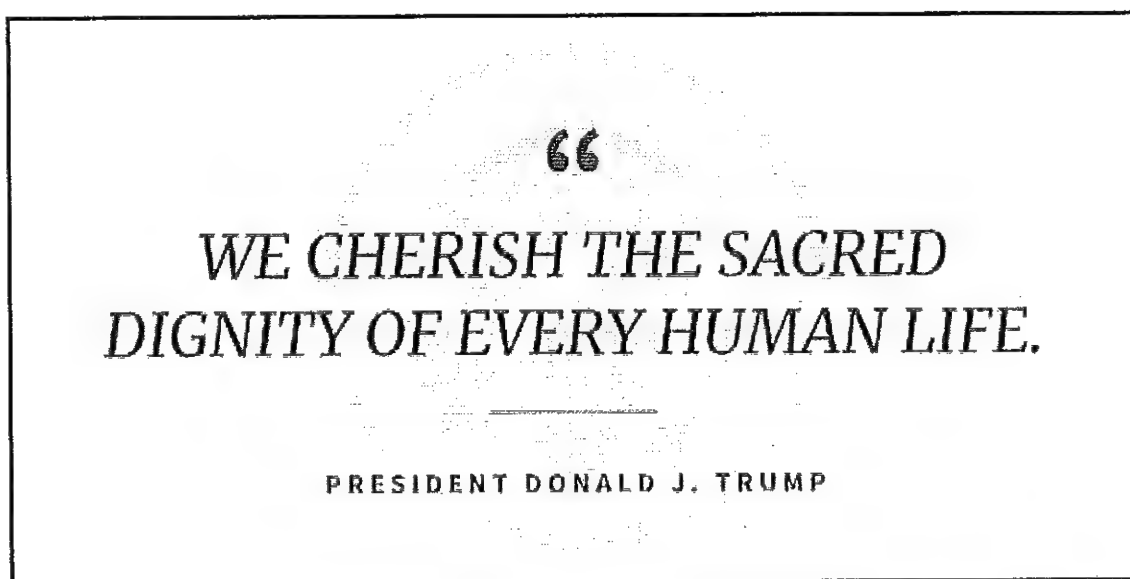
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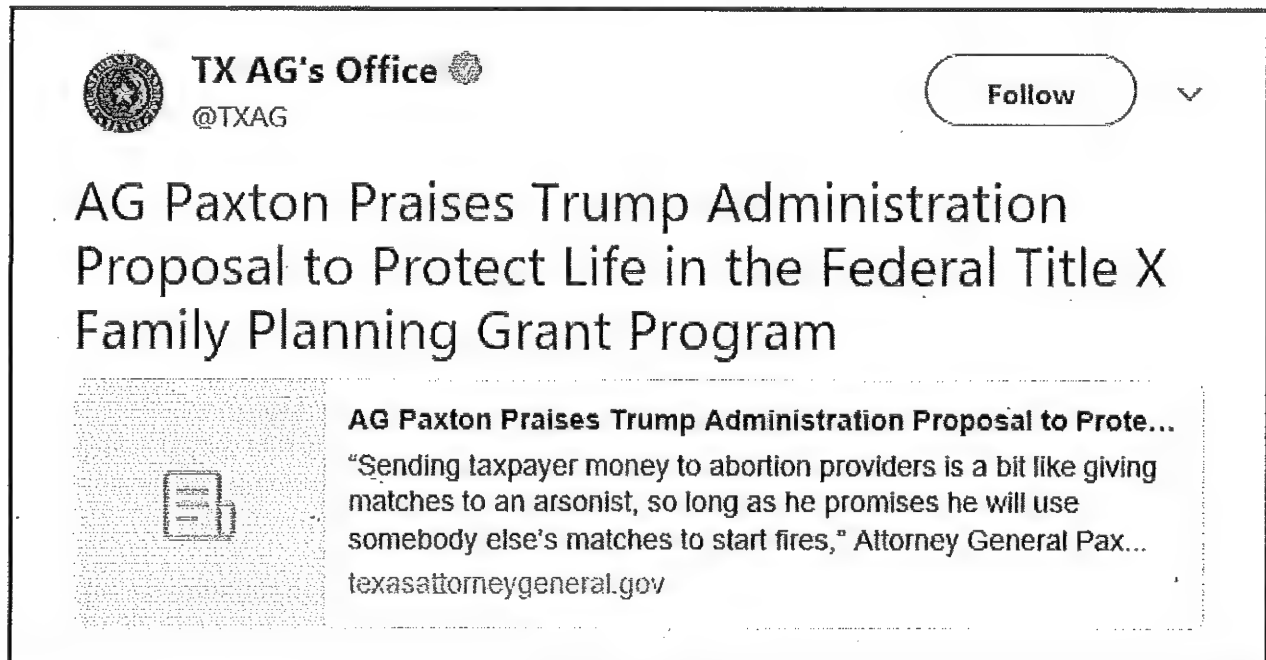
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- Local MS-13 leaders often communicate and take orders from gang leaders in El Salvador.
- President Trump is meeting with law enforcement, local leaders, and victims of MS-13 violence on Long Island, New York.
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**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE COMMUNITY MOVEMENT AGAINST SANCTUARY  
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**WHAT:** Communities are coming out against reckless sanctuary policies and in support of our Federal immigration laws that protect the American people.

Sanctuary jurisdictions continue to hinder Federal immigration enforcement efforts. These jurisdictions often refuse even basic requests for information, such as notice to Federal officials before the release of certain criminal aliens.

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**WHY: Sanctuary policies undermine lawful immigration enforcement efforts and are responsible for the release of criminal aliens into American communities.**

President Trump will be meeting with local officials from California who can speak first-hand about how sanctuary policies undermine law enforcement operations and jeopardize community safety.

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Below you will find:

- **FACTSHEET** | President Donald J. Trump Keeps His Promise to Open U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem, Israel
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**FACTSHEET | PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP KEEPS HIS PROMISE TO OPEN U.S. EMBASSY IN JERUSALEM, ISRAEL**  
*"Today, we finally acknowledge the obvious: that Jerusalem is Israel's capital." – President Donald J. Trump*

**FULFILLING A PROMISE:** President Trump kept his promise by recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital and opening the U.S. Embassy there.

- On December 6, 2017, President Trump kept his promise, announcing that the United States would begin recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and officially open its Embassy there.

- Congress urged the President to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel with the bipartisan 1995 Jerusalem Embassy Act – a call unanimously reaffirmed by the Senate in 2017.
- After decades of past Presidents committing to move the Embassy to Jerusalem on the campaign trail, only to renege on those promises while in office, the President has fulfilled his promise to support one of America's strongest allies.
- More than two decades of waivers delaying the Embassy move brought us no closer to a lasting peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians.
- The President made clear that old challenges demand new approaches, and that he will keep his word to the American people.
- On May 14, 2018, the United States will officially open its Embassy in Jerusalem, Israel, 70 years to the day that President Truman recognized Israel as an independent country, making the United States the first nation to do so.
- President Trump has recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel to advance peace between Israelis and Palestinians.
- Announcing Jerusalem as Israel's capital is simply a recognition of reality.
  - Israel is a sovereign nation and, like every other sovereign nation, has the right to choose its own capital. Yet for 70 years we neglected to extend this basic courtesy to Israel that we extend to other countries.
  - Jerusalem is the seat of the modern Israeli government. It is the home of the Israeli Parliament and the Israeli Supreme Court. It is the location of the official residence of the Prime Minister and President, as well as the headquarters of many government ministries.

**STRIVING FOR PEACE: The Trump Administration continues to work to achieve a comprehensive peace agreement between the Israelis and the Palestinians.**

- The Trump Administration remains committed to achieving a lasting and comprehensive peace agreement.
- Recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital is a necessary condition for peace between Israelis and Palestinians.
- President Trump has been clear that his recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel does not mean the United States has taken a position on final status negotiations.
  - The Trump Administration believes that such decisions should be worked between Israelis and Palestinians.
  - The Trump Administration supports the status quo at Jerusalem's holy sites.

**FULFILLING PROMISES QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY: After announcing the United States' recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, President Trump has quickly and efficiently opened an embassy in Israel at a low cost to taxpayers.**

- President Trump opened the Embassy in Jerusalem in just six months, compared to the seven to ten years expected to build an entirely new and secure permanent embassy.
  - Initial modifications allowing the Embassy to open on May 14, 2018, cost just \$400,000.
- United States diplomatic staff in Israel has worked around the clock to ensure the Embassy is ready to open by May 14, 2018.
- The Trump Administration has begun updating all Federal Government maps to reflect Jerusalem's status as Israel's capital under American policy.
- To celebrate the opening of the United States' new Embassy in Jerusalem, the Trump Administration sent a high-level delegation led by Deputy Secretary of State John Sullivan and including Secretary of the Treasury Steven Mnuchin, Senior Advisor Jared Kushner, Senior Advisor Ivanka Trump, and Special Representative for International Negotiations Jason Greenblatt.

**ICYMI | Trump Administration Readying Israeli-Palestinian Peace Plan**

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The United States is in the "late phases" of finalizing its Israeli-Palestinian peace plan that will be presented to both parties for consideration, according to a senior White House official, who discussed progress on the matter ahead of a massive celebration in Israel to open the new U.S. embassy in Jerusalem.

Festivities surrounding the opening of the new U.S. embassy building in Jerusalem kicked off in "grand fashion" over the weekend and will spill into Monday afternoon when U.S., Israeli, and international diplomats gather to formally open the new embassy building, according to senior administration officials.

The U.S. presidential delegation touched down in Israel Sunday afternoon and quickly entered into a series of celebrations and bilateral meetings with Israeli officials. At a dinner organized by the Friends of Zion Museum, U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman and senior presidential adviser Jared Kushner, also the president's son-in-law, were presented awards for their efforts to spearhead the embassy move.

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As the United States takes a historic step towards recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capitol, a point vehemently protested by Palestinian leaders, the senior administration official told the Free Beacon that this new reality is not being viewed as an impediment to peace.

The United States is in the "late phase," in fact, of finalizing its peace plan that will be presented to both sides in the coming months.

The plan has been in the works for at least the past year, according to Trump administration officials, and will be presented "when the time is right."

"We've been working hard and want to give the plan the best chance for success," a senior administration official told the Free Beacon. "We want to get a lasting deal that is livable for both parties."

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The embassy opening "makes clear what our position is and our priorities and a recognition of reality," the senior White House official said. "It is our hope that recognition for the Palestinians that Israel isn't going away is going to be clarifying for them."

This does not mean the United States is taking a firm position on negotiating terms known as final-status, which accounts for the borders of various territories that would be agreed upon by the Israelis and Palestinians.

It "doesn't mean we're wandering with maps drawing other things," the official said. "We are moving into a new phase and they [the Palestinians] have a big opportunity with this new president, who's quite supportive of them."

The Trump administration is also pushing other allies to relocate their embassies, a policy that is being met with good reception despite media reports indicating otherwise, multiple sources confirmed.

Those attending the embassy opening represent a broad swath of Democrats and Republicans, according to the Trump administration.

It's a very bipartisan crowd and "not just a bunch of Republicans," the administration official confirmed.

Former Sen. Joe Lieberman and Obama-era ambassador to Israel Daniel Shapiro are both in attendance, as well as many other Democrats.

It "really speaks to how this is a bipartisan consensus across the government" supporting the embassy move to Jerusalem. "This is something that Congress proposed more than 20 years ago and there's a strong sense this is the will of the American people and the Israeli people," the official said.

The embassy move also has bolstered the alliance between the United States and Israel, which is focusing in the short term on aiding Israel's defense forces amid growing and ongoing threats by terrorist proxy groups backed by Iran.

"The threats aren't going to go away. This alliance is moving into a new phase of cooperation," which will see the United States "mindful of the threats to Israel's northern border" by Hezbollah, an Iranian-backed terror group.

Hamas-led protestors also have been fomenting clashes along Israel's border with the Gaza Strip, a matter the United States is deferring to Israeli security authorities on.

As to the security situation, "it really doesn't feel any different than being in Jerusalem any other time," the administration official told the Free Beacon. "Anytime there's a high profile event and delegation like this it pays to be concerned and keep an eye on things. I think tomorrow will be continued very strong coordinated security between the U.S. and Israel and we're hoping all that hard work pays off. This should not be a cause for violence, there should be a cause for celebration."

One source who routinely advises the White House on Middle East issues told the Free Beacon that objections to the embassy move by some European countries have fallen flat, only reinforcing the widespread international support for the move.

"When the president announced he was moving the embassy the swamp said he was making a huge mistake and there would be endless global violence and American isolation," the source said, referring to efforts by former Obama administration officials and liberal talking heads to oppose the move in the press. "Instead the European Union can't even mount a symbolic condemnation because there are too many countries looking to follow our leadership."

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**Subject:** President Donald J. Trump Keeps His Promise to Open U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem, Israel

Hello all,

Today, President Donald J. Trump kept his promise to open the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem, Israel. Thanks to many of you who have already put out positive external communication on this. If you haven't already and chose to do so, please don't hesitate to flag it for me.

Below you will find:

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**FACTSHEET | PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP KEEPS HIS PROMISE TO OPEN U.S. EMBASSY IN JERUSALEM, ISRAEL**  
*"Today, we finally acknowledge the obvious: that Jerusalem is Israel's capital." – President Donald J. Trump*

**FULFILLING A PROMISE:** President Trump kept his promise by recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital and opening the U.S. Embassy there.

- On December 6, 2017, President Trump kept his promise, announcing that the United States would begin recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and officially open its Embassy there.

- Congress urged the President to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel with the bipartisan 1995 Jerusalem Embassy Act – a call unanimously reaffirmed by the Senate in 2017.
- After decades of past Presidents committing to move the Embassy to Jerusalem on the campaign trail, only to renege on those promises while in office, the President has fulfilled his promise to support one of America's strongest allies.
- More than two decades of waivers delaying the Embassy move brought us no closer to a lasting peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians.
- The President made clear that old challenges demand new approaches, and that he will keep his word to the American people.
- On May 14, 2018, the United States will officially open its Embassy in Jerusalem, Israel, 70 years to the day that President Truman recognized Israel as an independent country, making the United States the first nation to do so.
- President Trump has recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel to advance peace between Israelis and Palestinians.
- Announcing Jerusalem as Israel's capital is simply a recognition of reality.
  - Israel is a sovereign nation and, like every other sovereign nation, has the right to choose its own capital. Yet for 70 years we neglected to extend this basic courtesy to Israel that we extend to other countries.
  - Jerusalem is the seat of the modern Israeli government. It is the home of the Israeli Parliament and the Israeli Supreme Court. It is the location of the official residence of the Prime Minister and President, as well as the headquarters of many government ministries.

**STRIVING FOR PEACE: The Trump Administration continues to work to achieve a comprehensive peace agreement between the Israelis and the Palestinians.**

- The Trump Administration remains committed to achieving a lasting and comprehensive peace agreement.
- Recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital is a necessary condition for peace between Israelis and Palestinians.
- President Trump has been clear that his recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel does not mean the United States has taken a position on final status negotiations.
  - The Trump Administration believes that such decisions should be worked between Israelis and Palestinians.
  - The Trump Administration supports the status quo at Jerusalem's holy sites.

**FULFILLING PROMISES QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY: After announcing the United States' recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, President Trump has quickly and efficiently opened an embassy in Israel at a low cost to taxpayers.**

- President Trump opened the Embassy in Jerusalem in just six months, compared to the seven to ten years expected to build an entirely new and secure permanent embassy.
  - Initial modifications allowing the Embassy to open on May 14, 2018, cost just \$400,000.
- United States diplomatic staff in Israel has worked around the clock to ensure the Embassy is ready to open by May 14, 2018.
- The Trump Administration has begun updating all Federal Government maps to reflect Jerusalem's status as Israel's capital under American policy.
- To celebrate the opening of the United States' new Embassy in Jerusalem, the Trump Administration sent a high-level delegation led by Deputy Secretary of State John Sullivan and including Secretary of the Treasury Steven Mnuchin, Senior Advisor Jared Kushner, Senior Advisor Ivanka Trump, and Special Representative for International Negotiations Jason Greenblatt.

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Festivities surrounding the opening of the new U.S. embassy building in Jerusalem kicked off in "grand fashion" over the weekend and will spill into Monday afternoon when U.S., Israeli, and international diplomats gather to formally open the new embassy building, according to senior administration officials.

The U.S. presidential delegation touched down in Israel Sunday afternoon and quickly entered into a series of celebrations and bilateral meetings with Israeli officials. At a dinner organized by the Friends of Zion Museum, U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman and senior presidential adviser Jared Kushner, also the president's son-in-law, were presented awards for their efforts to spearhead the embassy move.

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As the United States takes a historic step towards recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capitol, a point vehemently protested by Palestinian leaders, the senior administration official told the Free Beacon that this new reality is not being viewed as an impediment to peace.

The United States is in the "late phase," in fact, of finalizing its peace plan that will be presented to both sides in the coming months.

The plan has been in the works for at least the past year, according to Trump administration officials, and will be presented "when the time is right."

"We've been working hard and want to give the plan the best chance for success," a senior administration official told the Free Beacon. "We want to get a lasting deal that is livable for both parties."

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The embassy opening "makes clear what our position is and our priorities and a recognition of reality," the senior White House official said. "It is our hope that recognition for the Palestinians that Israel isn't going away is going to be clarifying for them."

This does not mean the United States is taking a firm position on negotiating terms known as final-status, which accounts for the borders of various territories that would be agreed upon by the Israelis and Palestinians.

It "doesn't mean we're wandering with maps drawing other things," the official said. "We are moving into a new phase and they [the Palestinians] have a big opportunity with this new president, who's quite supportive of them."

The Trump administration is also pushing other allies to relocate their embassies, a policy that is being met with good reception despite media reports indicating otherwise, multiple sources confirmed.

Those attending the embassy opening represent a broad swath of Democrats and Republicans, according to the Trump administration.

It's a very bipartisan crowd and "not just a bunch of Republicans," the administration official confirmed.

Former Sen. Joe Lieberman and Obama-era ambassador to Israel Daniel Shapiro are both in attendance, as well as many other Democrats.

It "really speaks to how this is a bipartisan consensus across the government" supporting the embassy move to Jerusalem. "This is something that Congress proposed more than 20 years ago and there's a strong sense this is the will of the American people and the Israeli people," the official said.

The embassy move also has bolstered the alliance between the United States and Israel, which is focusing in the short term on aiding Israel's defense forces amid growing and ongoing threats by terrorist proxy groups backed by Iran.

"The threats aren't going to go away. This alliance is moving into a new phase of cooperation," which will see the United States "mindful of the threats to Israel's northern border" by Hezbollah, an Iranian-backed terror group.

Hamas-led protestors also have been fomenting clashes along Israel's border with the Gaza Strip, a matter the United States is deferring to Israeli security authorities on.

As to the security situation, "it really doesn't feel any different than being in Jerusalem any other time," the administration official told the Free Beacon. "Anytime there's a high profile event and delegation like this it pays to be concerned and keep an eye on things. I think tomorrow will be continued very strong coordinated security between the U.S. and Israel and we're hoping all that hard work pays off. This should not be a cause for violence, there should be a cause for celebration."

One source who routinely advises the White House on Middle East issues told the Free Beacon that objections to the embassy move by some European countries have fallen flat, only reinforcing the widespread international support for the move.

"When the president announced he was moving the embassy the swamp said he was making a huge mistake and there would be endless global violence and American isolation," the source said, referring to efforts by former Obama administration officials and liberal talking heads to oppose the move in the press. "Instead the European Union can't even mount a symbolic condemnation because there are too many countries looking to follow our leadership."

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"It remains our generation's moral imperative to take responsibility and help our children manage the many issues they are facing today, including encouraging positive social, emotional, and physical habits," said

Mrs. Trump. "By acknowledging there are many important issues, and knowing these problems cannot be solved overnight, I believe we can change the way we think and talk about issues facing children today."

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THE PRESIDENT: My fellow Americans, a short time ago, I ordered the United States Armed Forces to launch precision strikes on targets associated with the chemical weapons capabilities of Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad. A combined operation with the armed forces of France and the United Kingdom is now underway. We thank them both.

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The evil and the despicable attack left mothers and fathers, infants and children, thrashing in pain and gasping for air. These are not the actions of a man; they are crimes of a monster instead.

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The purpose of our actions tonight is to establish a strong deterrent against the production, spread, and use of chemical weapons. Establishing this deterrent is a vital national security interest of the United States. The combined American, British, and French response to these atrocities will integrate all instruments of our national power -- military, economic, and diplomatic. We are prepared to sustain this response until the Syrian regime stops its use of prohibited chemical agents.

I also have a message tonight for the two governments most responsible for supporting, equipping, and financing the criminal Assad regime.

To Iran, and to Russia, I ask: What kind of a nation wants to be associated with the mass murder of innocent men, women, and children?

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  - EPA will also work cooperatively with States to review the Regional Haze Program and replace Federal Implementation Plans with State Implementation Plans where possible.
- The President is directing EPA to implement NAAQS reforms aimed at reducing lengthy permitting delays.
  - EPA will review the NAAQS permitting process to identify ways to ensure permit applications receive timely decisions, including through updated modeling and technical support for States and permit applicants.
  - Final action will be taken on preconstruction permit applications within one year of submittal of a complete application to EPA.
  - Where States are the direct permitting authority, EPA will assist States in the timely issuance of preconstruction permits.

**STRENGTHENING AMERICAN MANUFACTURING:** Reforms to NAAQS implementation will build on the President's efforts to strengthen American manufacturing.

- Since taking office, President Trump has worked to restore American manufacturing and to help ensure more products are "Made in America."
  - Under President Trump, the National Association of Manufacturers' Outlook Index has reached its highest point in history.
  - 263,000 manufacturing jobs have been added since the President took office.
- During his first year in office, President Trump cut excessive regulations that have been holding back businesses, including manufacturers, for far too long.
  - President Trump's Administration saved more than \$8.1 billion in lifetime regulatory costs in fiscal year (FY) 2017.
  - In 2017, the Administration eliminated 22 regulations for every one new regulation, far exceeding the initial goal of two-to-one.
- Thanks to the historic Tax Cuts and Jobs Act signed into law by the President, businesses will be able to immediately write off the full cost of heavy equipment purchases and other capital investments.

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**HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKING IS AN EPIDEMIC:** Human sex trafficking is a plague upon our great Nation and the world.

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- Over 99 percent of trafficked individuals trapped in forced sexual exploitation are women.
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**WHAT:** President Trump directed his Administration to end "catch and release" and enhance immigration enforcement efforts.

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This afternoon President Trump will be speaking at the National RX Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit in Atlanta, GA. Since taking office, the President and the First Lady have been working hard to fight the opioid crisis in the United States by stopping deadly drug supplies, preventing opioid abuse, and supporting patients through recovery. Last year, President Trump launched his Initiative to Stop Opioid Abuse and Reduce Drug Supply and Demand, a first-of-its-kind to draw out the factors fueling the opioid crisis and to make real change. Through the appropriate security, funding, education, and treatment, the Trump Administration is committed to supporting all Americans who are struggling with addiction.

Within the hour, President Trump will be speaking at the RX Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit. To watch the livestream of the President's remarks, please click [here](#).

More information on today's Summit and the opioid crisis, including news articles and a White House Fact Sheet, is below.

**News Articles:**

**Reuters:** [After drug distributor charged, Trump sets speech on opioid fight](#)

**NPR:** [President Trump To Speak At Opioid Abuse Summit In Atlanta](#)

**USA Today:** [Drug czar James Carroll: Stop illicit drug use before it's too late](#)

**White House Fact Sheet:**

**PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP IS FIGHTING TO END THE OPIOID CRISIS THAT HAS DEVASTATED TOO MANY AMERICAN COMMUNITIES**

*"We will defeat this crisis, we will protect our beautiful children, and we will ensure that tomorrow is better, brighter, stronger, and greater than ever before." – President Donald J. Trump*

**FIGHTING THE OPIOID CRISIS:** President Donald J. Trump's effort to combat the opioid crisis is making progress and he remains committed to ensuring we end this crisis next door.

- Last year, President Trump launched his Initiative to Stop Opioid Abuse and Reduce Drug Supply and Demand, a first-of-its-kind effort to draw out the factors fueling the opioid crisis and to make real change.
- The Trump Administration has unveiled numerous programs across the Government since the President launched his initiative.
  - These programs range from health initiatives led by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to increased law enforcement through the Department of Justice (DOJ).
- Last year, the President signed into law the overwhelmingly bipartisan SUPPORT Act.
- President Trump has secured \$6 billion in new funding over two years to fight opioid abuse.
- The Administration is working with State, tribal, and local partners to address the opioid crisis in our communities, including awarding \$1.5 billion annually in State Opioid Response grants.
  - The Administration provided teams of experts to assist States and providers with training and education on how best to address the crisis in their area.
- HHS grant funding to combat this crisis went up 4-fold from FY 2016 to FY 2018, and will increase again this fiscal year.
- DOJ has awarded more than \$400 million over 2017 and 2018 to support treatment, prevention, and domestic law enforcement efforts.
- The Trump Administration awarded the highest number of Drug-Free Communities Support Program grants in a single year in the program's two-decade history.
  - These grants provided more than \$90 million to community coalitions to help prevent substance use among youth.
- President Trump's efforts are producing results and he is committed to continuing the fight until we end this crisis.
- The rising overdose death toll through September 2018, the latest month for which data is available, has flattened compared to November 2017, when we saw the peak 12-month mortality.
- Nationwide, there has been an estimated 5 percent decrease in reported deaths since the same 12-month period a year ago.
- Drug overdose deaths were down in the most recent 12-month reporting period compared to a year ago by an estimated 13 percent in New Hampshire, 20 percent in West Virginia, 11 percent in Iowa, 21 percent in Pennsylvania, and 22 percent in Ohio.

**STOPPING DEADLY DRUG SUPPLIES: A vital part of President Trump's efforts to stop opioid abuse is stopping the illicit drug supplies that are flooding into our communities.**

- The Trump Administration is working to cut off the deadly drug supplies that have helped fuel this devastating crisis.
  - More than 16,000 kilograms of heroin and nearly 5,000 kilograms of fentanyl have been seized in the United States since the beginning of 2017, according to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).
- The Administration has stepped up funding and enhanced efforts to stop deadly drug supplies from flowing into our communities.
- President Trump is following through on his commitment to crack down on the suppliers of deadly, illicit drugs like fentanyl – both in the United States and abroad.
  - President Trump secured a commitment from President Xi that China would take measures to prevent trafficking of Chinese fentanyl.

- Last fall, President Trump called on other nations to join our efforts to stop the flood of illicit drugs into our communities, and more than 130 countries have joined us already.
- President Trump's efforts to secure our border are helping to stop deadly drugs from being brought into our country.
  - The Department of Homeland Security seized almost 5,000 pounds of fentanyl in FY 2018 — totaling 1.2 billion lethal doses, or enough to kill every American four times.
  - Customs and Border Protection (CBP) seizures of fentanyl alone are up 265 percent over the last two full fiscal years.
- In 2018, President Trump established the first new High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program in 17 years to combat emerging threats in Alaska.
  - As a result, the program now has a footprint in all 50 States.
- The Administration has cracked down on the distribution of deadly drugs over the internet, including shutting down the country's biggest Darknet distributor of drugs.
  - During that operation, DOJ seized enough fentanyl to kill 105,000 Americans.
- DOJ has worked to bring drug dealers to justice by increasing indictments and has targeted seizures in areas hit hardest by the opioid crisis.
  - The President has also made clear that he supports strengthening criminal penalties for drug dealers knowingly distributing lethal amounts of opioids.
- Under President Trump, the DEA's National Take Back Days have shattered records, recovering nearly 3.7 million pounds of unused prescription drugs.
- Thanks to the President's efforts, more shipments of illicit drugs are being stopped through the mail before they can reach our communities.
  - CBP has stopped over six times more packages containing fentanyl thanks to the STOP Act included in last year's opioid legislation.
  - Postal inspectors saw a 1,000 percent increase in international seizures and a 750 percent increase in domestic seizures related to synthetic opioids from FY 2016 to FY 2018.
- The Administration is also tackling the prescription opioid crisis by expanding fraud and abuse detection and holding drug manufacturers accountable.

**PREVENTING OPIOID ABUSE: The Trump Administration has made vital progress on reducing drug demand in an effort to address the root causes of this crisis.**

- President Trump's Administration has aimed to reduce demand by educating Americans about the dangers of opioid misuse and working to curb over-prescription.
- The Administration partnered with the Truth Initiative and Ad Council to educate youth about opioid misuse through an ad campaign that led to 1.4 billion total views.
  - 58 percent of young adults between the ages of 18 and 24 are aware of the ads.
- In the President's first year in office, 107,000 fewer adolescents started misusing prescription painkillers.
  - Further, 68 percent fewer Americans over the age of 26 began using heroin than in the previous year.
- The Trump Administration's efforts have helped generate a decline in opioid prescribing nationwide.
  - In the first two years of the Administration, we saw a 34 percent decrease in the total amount of opioids prescribed.

- The Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Opioid Safety Initiative has reduced the number of veterans on opioids by 43,395 in President Trump's first two years in office—an 11 percent decline.
- The Administration is tackling opioid distribution fraud, including taking down \$3.3 billion in opioid connected fraud from 60 prescribers across seven States in Appalachia.
- The Department of Labor (DOL) is reducing prescription opioid use among injured Federal workers.
  - These efforts led to a 29 percent decrease in certain opioid prescriptions during President Trump's first 14 months, relative to the same time period in 2015-2016.

**SUPPORTING PATIENTS THROUGH RECOVERY: The Trump Administration is committed to supporting our neighbors, friends, and family members who are struggling with addiction.**

- In order to truly defeat this crisis, it is vital that we support Americans struggling with addiction. Otherwise, efforts to cut off supply and demand will be in vain.
- President Trump's Administration is working to ensure Americans facing addiction receive the care that they need.
  - 255,000 more Americans received substance use treatment in 2017 compared to 2016.
  - More young Americans aged 18 to 25 received outpatient treatment in 2017 than in 2016.
  - 64 percent more patients received medication-assisted treatment at community health centers funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration in 2017.
  - The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has helped 18 States expand access to inpatient and residential addiction treatment programs for low-income patients.
- The Administration has taken steps to expand the supply of lifesaving naloxone to first responders nationwide.
  - There has been a 484 percent increase in naloxone dispensed monthly since President Trump took office.
  - Naloxone prescriptions jumped 27 percent immediately following the Surgeon General's advisory recommending that more Americans carry it.
  - The VA alone dispensed 121,448 naloxone prescriptions, used to help 321 veterans during an overdose.
- The Trump Administration is working to expand access to evidence-based addiction treatments in every State and to our Nation's veterans.
- Criminal justice reforms are being enacted to identify and treat offenders struggling with addiction.
  - The Administration has increased funding for DOJ's Drug Court program by 83 percent since 2016.
- The Administration is providing State and local leaders with data to help coordinate and optimize efforts to combat addiction and overdose.
- The Department of Housing and Urban Development funds supportive housing for individuals with substance abuse disorders through its homeless service programs.
- President Trump's workforce development efforts are expanding job retraining and apprenticeships to those recovering from drug addiction.
  - DOL awarded over \$53 million to 12 States and the Cherokee Nation to help people affected by opioid addiction rejoin the workforce.

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Good evening,

I wanted to make sure you had information regarding the actions the President took today to authorize the National Guard to deploy to the Southern Border. Below you will find additional information on the Administration's action.

- **What You Need to Know** (below and attached) – The President's Authorization For The National Guard To Deploy To The Southern Border
- **Factsheet** (attached) – To Secure the Border and Make America Safe Again, We Need to Deploy the National Guard
- **Transcript** (attached) – Press Briefing By Press Secretary Sarah Sanders and Department Of Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen

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#### **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S AUTHORIZATION FOR THE NATIONAL GUARD TO DEPLOY TO THE SOUTHERN BORDER**

**WHAT:** President Donald J. Trump is authorizing the deployment of the National Guard to support the Border Patrol in its mission to protect our country and stop the stream of illegal immigration.

To give our Border Patrol agents the support they deserve, President Trump is authorizing the deployment of National Guard units to the southern border to aid their mission.

America's Border Patrol agents work incredibly hard to do their jobs of enforcing our Nation's immigration laws and protecting our national security. These law enforcement personnel are tasked with securing thousands of miles of border, however, and often do not have the manpower or resources necessary to stem the tide of illegal immigration into the United States.

Given the importance of secure borders to our national security, the National Guard, in coordination with governors, will remain in a support role until Congress takes the action necessary to close the loopholes undermining our border security efforts, including ending the practice of Catch and Release.

This is not the first time in recent history that the National Guard has been deployed to the southern border. In 2012, President Barack Obama authorized the deployment of guardsmen to the border. President George W. Bush also authorized deployment of 6,000 guardsmen to the border as a part of Operation Jump Start, assisting in operations which resulted in the arrest of more than 173,000 illegal aliens, the rescue of 100 persons, and the seizure of more than 300,000 pounds of drugs.

**WHY: The President is taking action to protect America's national security because congressional Democrats have obstructed efforts to secure our border.**

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Good evening,

I wanted to make sure you had information regarding the actions the President took today to authorize the National Guard to deploy to the Southern Border. Below you will find additional information on the Administration's action.

- **What You Need to Know** (below and attached) – The President's Authorization For The National Guard To Deploy To The Southern Border
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#### **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S AUTHORIZATION FOR THE NATIONAL GUARD TO DEPLOY TO THE SOUTHERN BORDER**

**WHAT:** President Donald J. Trump is authorizing the deployment of the National Guard to support the Border Patrol in its mission to protect our country and stop the stream of illegal immigration.

To give our Border Patrol agents the support they deserve, President Trump is authorizing the deployment of National Guard units to the southern border to aid their mission.

America's Border Patrol agents work incredibly hard to do their jobs of enforcing our Nation's immigration laws and protecting our national security. These law enforcement personnel are tasked with securing thousands of miles of border, however, and often do not have the manpower or resources necessary to stem the tide of illegal immigration into the United States.

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## **CENSUS | TOP LINE TALKING POINTS**

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- The Administration is committed to the fulfillment of its duty under the Constitution to conduct a complete and accurate decennial census.
- Reinstating a citizenship question on the decennial census will provide more complete and accurate citizen voting age population data which is needed to enforce important voting rights.
- Fears that citizenship data collected by the census could be used for any purpose other than statistical analysis are unfounded – all census responses are protected by law and may not be used for any other purpose. Any person improperly using the information is subject to fines and up to five years in prison.
- The Census Bureau estimates that any increase in non-response follow up costs will be covered by previously budgeted contingency funds, which are laid out in the revised Lifecycle Cost Estimate submitted to Congress last fall.
- Census is already planning the largest marketing and outreach effort ever undertaken to ensure a complete and accurate count in 2020.
- See below the press release issued by the Commerce Department Monday evening:

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Congress delegated to the Secretary of Commerce the authority to determine questions to be asked on the decennial census. The Census Act requires the list of decennial census questions be submitted to Congress no later than March 31, 2018.

Following receipt of the DOJ request, the Department of Commerce immediately initiated a comprehensive review process led by the Census Bureau, prioritizing the goal of obtaining *complete and accurate data*.

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## **ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS ANNOUNCES REGULATION EFFECTIVELY BANNING BUMP STOCKS**

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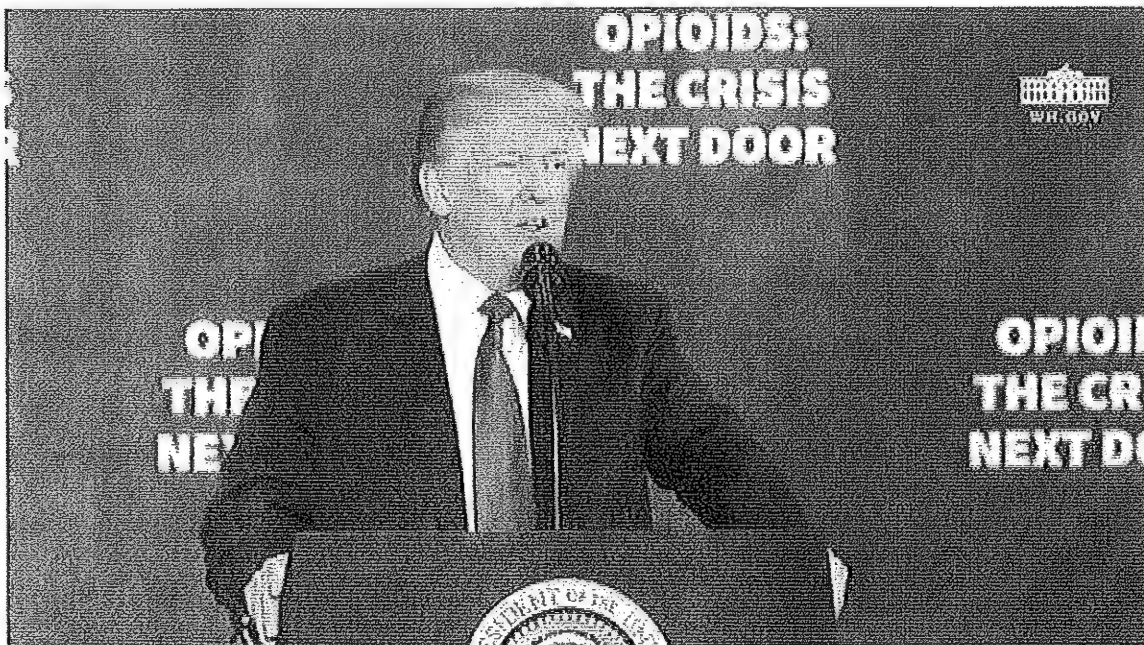
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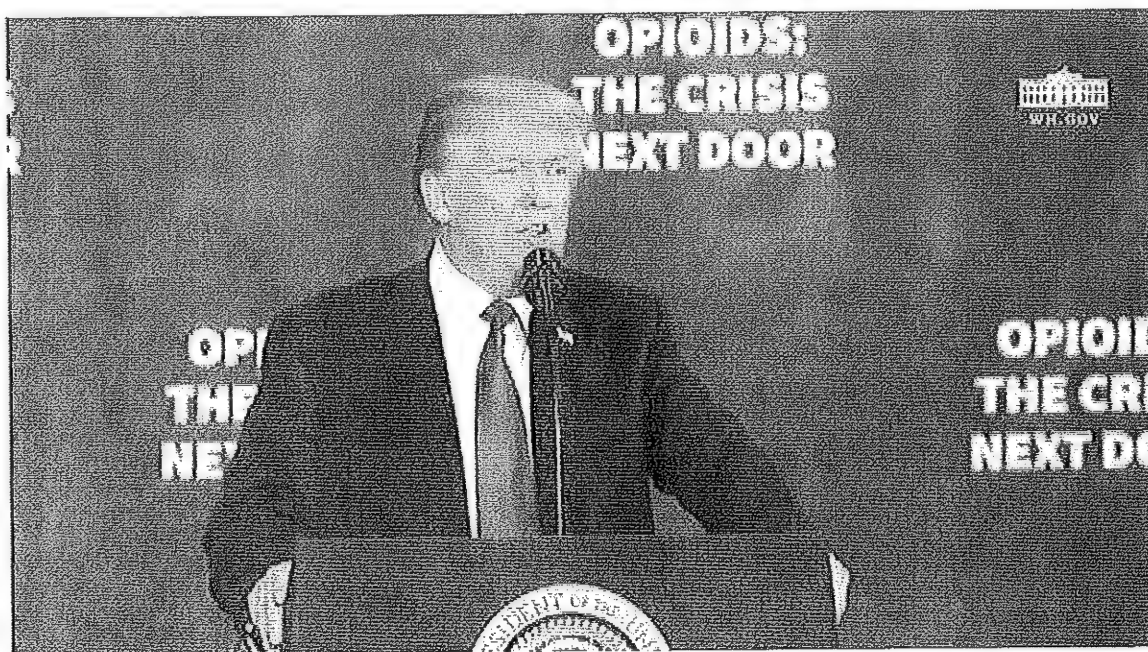
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**This attachment is EMBARGOED until Monday, March 19 at 2:00 PM ET.**

I hope you will consider helping amplify this plan or a portion of this plan tomorrow afternoon as well as any of the programs your principle has worked on to tackle the opioid epidemic.

Please feel free to highlight any statement or social media your office does on this topic tomorrow afternoon in an email to me.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you again for you all you!

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## WHAT THE DOJ IS SAYING | SANCTUARY CITIES

*A Q&A with Attorney General Jeff Sessions on Fox News and Breitbart and prepared remarks giving to the 26<sup>th</sup> annual law enforcement legislative day hosted by the California Peace Officers' Association*

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### **The Department of Justice has to defend federal immigration law**

- Federal law determines immigration policy.
- The State of California is not entitled to block and obstruct federal law enforcement policy.
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- We are going to defend our officers and the honorable work they do every day.
- DOJ's lawsuit challenges the constitutionality of the California statutes under the Supremacy Clause

### **The DOJ is not ASKING California or anyone else to enforce immigration laws, just simply not OBSTRUCT them**

- Although the DOJ would welcome the positive assistance the majority of jurisdictions in America provide, ICE agents do incredible work every day. Law enforcement officers will not be deterred.
- The administration is simply asking California and other sanctuary jurisdictions to stop actively obstructing federal law enforcement.

### **Obstructing law enforcement officers from doing their jobs, makes their work more dangerous**

- California won't let law enforcement officers transfer prisoners into ICE custody or even communicate with ICE that police is about to release someone they're looking for.
- Remember that California found these people dangerous enough to detain them in the first place, but then insists on releasing them back into the community instead of allowing federal officers to remove them.
- Rather than allow ICE officers to do their jobs at the jailhouse, sanctuary jurisdictions force these officers to conduct far more dangerous arrests elsewhere—where violent criminals may reside and where children can be caught in the crossfire.

**Will the Justice Department be taking action actions Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf, who warned illegal aliens in the Bay Area of an impending ICE enforcement action – and who has said she is prepared to go to jail to protect her city’s status as a “sanctuary” jurisdiction?**

- The Mayor made a colossal error in her statement and placed the safety of our federal law enforcement officers at risk.
- She also increased the likelihood that hundreds of serious criminals would avoid arrest and continue to remain on the streets and pose a risk to the people of the Bay Area.
- The DOJ is in communication with DHS and will review the facts as they are presented to the attorneys.

**One of the defenses of sanctuary laws is that they preserve trust between minority communities and law enforcement. What would you say to reassure minority communities who might have a difficult relationship with law enforcement and who might be fearful of this administration?**

- Our primary focus continues to be people who entered the United States unlawfully and who committed additional crimes; people who’ve already been ordered deported but who absconded; people who have been previously deported and who re-entered.
- Would-be immigrants who are considering illegal entry into the United States need to understand that if they enter and are apprehended, they are subject to be deported, as the law plainly requires.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

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In a speech to the California Peace Officers' Association's Legislative Day, Attorney General Jeff Sessions today announced that the Justice Department has filed a legal action against the State of California, Governor of California Jerry Brown, and

Attorney General of California Xavier Becerra, seeking both declaratory and injunctive relief based upon the enactment and implementation of certain provisions of three California laws—Assembly Bill 450 (AB 450); Senate Bill 54 (SB 54); and Assembly Bill 103 (AB 103)—which intentionally obstruct and discriminate against the enforcement of federal immigration law. The complaint contends that the laws in question are preempted by federal law and impermissibly target the Federal Government, and therefore violate the Supremacy Clause of the United States Constitution. As a result, the Justice Department is seeking to permanently enjoin these state statutes, which are contrary to federal law and interfere with federal immigration authorities’ ability to carry out their lawful duties. In addition, the Justice Department is continuing to review other related California enactments.

The complaint, accompanying motion for a preliminary injunction, and declarations from Department of Homeland Security and Department of State officials—filed last evening in the Eastern District of California—spell out in detail the extent to which each of these laws have interfered, and will continue to interfere, with federal law enforcement efforts.

AB 450 prohibits private employers from *voluntarily* cooperating with federal immigration officials—including officials conducting worksite enforcement efforts and other enforcement operations. It also requires that private employers notify employees in advance of a potential worksite enforcement inspection—despite clear federal law that has been on the books for approximately three decades that has no such requirements. An April 22, 2017, report on AB 450 compiled by the California State Assembly’s Committee on Judiciary states that the law is designed to frustrate “an expected increase in federal immigration enforcement actions.” California has demonstrated its intent to enforce this law: on Jan. 18, 2018, California Attorney General Becerra issued a warning to employers in the state that his office would “prosecute those who violate [AB 450] by voluntarily cooperating with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) efforts.” Additionally, failure to comply with AB 450 could result in a fine for the business owner ranging from \$2,000-\$10,000. California employers are thus caught between what many may feel is a civic duty to cooperate with the enforcement of federal law, and a state government that penalizes such lawful cooperation.

SB 54 restricts state and local law enforcement officials from providing information to federal immigration authorities about the release date of removable criminal aliens who are in their custody. These criminal aliens are subject to removal from the United States under federal immigration law, and SB 54 interferes with federal immigration authorities’ ability to carry out their responsibilities under federal law. SB 54 also violates 8 USC 1373, a law enacted by Congress, which promotes information sharing related to immigration enforcement. The state law also prohibits the actual transfer of criminal aliens to federal custody, which creates a dangerous operating environment for ICE agents executing arrests in non-custodial settings. In a declaration provided to the Court, ICE Deputy Director Thomas Homan states that these “at-large arrests. . . unquestionably involve a greater possibility of the use of force or violence by the target . . . and have greater access to weapons, exposing officers, the public, and the alien to greater risk of harm.”

Remarkably, with this law California attempts to shield from federal law enforcement removable criminal aliens who have committed crimes in the state of California and across the country. In doing so, California is releasing onto its streets those removable criminal aliens who have already shown a willingness to engage in criminal activity—as evidenced by their state or local detention for violating state law—and who therefore are most likely to commit crimes in the future.

AB 103 imposes a state-run inspection and review scheme of the federal detention of aliens held in facilities pursuant to federal contracts. This includes review of immigration processes and the circumstances in which aliens were apprehended, and also requires access to privileged federal records that are under ICE’s control. With this law, California is trying to

regulate federal immigration detention, which it cannot do under the Constitution. California does not impose such an inspection and review scheme on other similar detention facilities that do not house civil immigration detainees—in other words, this is a special review regime that applies only to facilities that house civil immigration detainees. This different treatment shows that California is seeking to regulate the federal government, which is not permitted under well-established Supreme Court precedent.

“The Department of Justice and the Trump Administration are going to fight these unjust, unfair, and unconstitutional policies that have been imposed on you,” Attorney General Jeff Sessions today told law enforcement officers attending the California Peace Officers Association’s 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Law Enforcement Legislative Day, referencing AB 450, SB 54, and AB 103. “We are fighting to make your jobs safer and to help you reduce crime in America. And I believe that we are going to win.”

“Our duty at the Department of Homeland Security is to enforce and uphold the nation’s security laws as passed by the U.S. Congress and signed by the President,” said Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen for the Department of Homeland Security. “California has chosen to purposefully contradict the will and responsibility of the Congress to protect our homeland. I appreciate the efforts of Attorney General Jeff Sessions and the Department of Justice to uphold the rule of law and protect American communities.”

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## WHAT THE DOJ IS SAYING | SANCTUARY CITIES

*A Q&A with Attorney General Jeff Sessions on Fox News and Breitbart and prepared remarks giving to the 26<sup>th</sup> annual law enforcement legislative day hosted by the California Peace Officers' Association*

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### **The Department of Justice has to defend federal immigration law**

- Federal law determines immigration policy.
- The State of California is not entitled to block and obstruct federal law enforcement policy.
- California's is an extreme position: Disregard federal immigration law, have open borders and block the deportation of illegal immigrants who have committed crimes, no matter what the circumstances.
- We cannot let California obstruct and block the ability of federal officers to do the job they are lawfully required to do.
- We are going to defend our officers and the honorable work they do every day.
- DOJ's lawsuit challenges the constitutionality of the California statutes under the Supremacy Clause

### **The DOJ is not ASKING California or anyone else to enforce immigration laws, just simply not OBSTRUCT them**

- Although the DOJ would welcome the positive assistance the majority of jurisdictions in America provide, ICE agents do incredible work every day. Law enforcement officers will not be deterred.
- The administration is simply asking California and other sanctuary jurisdictions to stop actively obstructing federal law enforcement.

### **Obstructing law enforcement officers from doing their jobs, makes their work more dangerous**

- California won't let law enforcement officers transfer prisoners into ICE custody or even communicate with ICE that police is about to release someone they're looking for.
- Remember that California found these people dangerous enough to detain them in the first place, but then insists on releasing them back into the community instead of allowing federal officers to remove them.
- Rather than allow ICE officers to do their jobs at the jailhouse, sanctuary jurisdictions force these officers to conduct far more dangerous arrests elsewhere—where violent criminals may reside and where children can be caught in the crossfire.

**Will the Justice Department be taking action actions Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf, who warned illegal aliens in the Bay Area of an impending ICE enforcement action – and who has said she is prepared to go to jail to protect her city’s status as a “sanctuary” jurisdiction?**

- The Mayor made a colossal error in her statement and placed the safety of our federal law enforcement officers at risk.
- She also increased the likelihood that hundreds of serious criminals would avoid arrest and continue to remain on the streets and pose a risk to the people of the Bay Area.
- The DOJ is in communication with DHS and will review the facts as they are presented to the attorneys.

**One of the defenses of sanctuary laws is that they preserve trust between minority communities and law enforcement. What would you say to reassure minority communities who might have a difficult relationship with law enforcement and who might be fearful of this administration?**

- Our primary focus continues to be people who entered the United States unlawfully and who committed additional crimes; people who’ve already been ordered deported but who absconded; people who have been previously deported and who re-entered.
- Would-be immigrants who are considering illegal entry into the United States need to understand that if they enter and are apprehended, they are subject to be deported, as the law plainly requires.

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Please let me know if I can answer any questions. Thanks!

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In a speech to the California Peace Officers’ Association’s Legislative Day, Attorney General Jeff Sessions today announced that the Justice Department has filed a legal action against the State of California, Governor of California Jerry Brown, and

Attorney General of California Xavier Becerra, seeking both declaratory and injunctive relief based upon the enactment and implementation of certain provisions of three California laws—Assembly Bill 450 (AB 450); Senate Bill 54 (SB 54); and Assembly Bill 103 (AB 103)—which intentionally obstruct and discriminate against the enforcement of federal immigration law. The complaint contends that the laws in question are preempted by federal law and impermissibly target the Federal Government, and therefore violate the Supremacy Clause of the United States Constitution. As a result, the Justice Department is seeking to permanently enjoin these state statutes, which are contrary to federal law and interfere with federal immigration authorities’ ability to carry out their lawful duties. In addition, the Justice Department is continuing to review other related California enactments.

The complaint, accompanying motion for a preliminary injunction, and declarations from Department of Homeland Security and Department of State officials—filed last evening in the Eastern District of California—spell out in detail the extent to which each of these laws have interfered, and will continue to interfere, with federal law enforcement efforts.

AB 450 prohibits private employers from *voluntarily* cooperating with federal immigration officials—including officials conducting worksite enforcement efforts and other enforcement operations. It also requires that private employers notify employees in advance of a potential worksite enforcement inspection—despite clear federal law that has been on the books for approximately three decades that has no such requirements. An April 22, 2017, report on AB 450 compiled by the California State Assembly’s Committee on Judiciary states that the law is designed to frustrate “an expected increase in federal immigration enforcement actions.” California has demonstrated its intent to enforce this law: on Jan. 18, 2018, California Attorney General Becerra issued a warning to employers in the state that his office would “prosecute those who violate [AB 450] by voluntarily cooperating with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) efforts.” Additionally, failure to comply with AB 450 could result in a fine for the business owner ranging from \$2,000-\$10,000. California employers are thus caught between what many may feel is a civic duty to cooperate with the enforcement of federal law, and a state government that penalizes such lawful cooperation.

SB 54 restricts state and local law enforcement officials from providing information to federal immigration authorities about the release date of removable criminal aliens who are in their custody. These criminal aliens are subject to removal from the United States under federal immigration law, and SB 54 interferes with federal immigration authorities’ ability to carry out their responsibilities under federal law. SB 54 also violates 8 USC 1373, a law enacted by Congress, which promotes information sharing related to immigration enforcement. The state law also prohibits the actual transfer of criminal aliens to federal custody, which creates a dangerous operating environment for ICE agents executing arrests in non-custodial settings. In a declaration provided to the Court, ICE Deputy Director Thomas Homan states that these “at-large arrests. . . unquestionably involve a greater possibility of the use of force or violence by the target . . . and have greater access to weapons, exposing officers, the public, and the alien to greater risk of harm.”

Remarkably, with this law California attempts to shield from federal law enforcement removable criminal aliens who have committed crimes in the state of California and across the country. In doing so, California is releasing onto its streets those removable criminal aliens who have already shown a willingness to engage in criminal activity—as evidenced by their state or local detention for violating state law—and who therefore are most likely to commit crimes in the future.

AB 103 imposes a state-run inspection and review scheme of the federal detention of aliens held in facilities pursuant to federal contracts. This includes review of immigration processes and the circumstances in which aliens were apprehended, and also requires access to privileged federal records that are under ICE’s control. With this law, California is trying to

regulate federal immigration detention, which it cannot do under the Constitution. California does not impose such an inspection and review scheme on other similar detention facilities that do not house civil immigration detainees—in other words, this is a special review regime that applies only to facilities that house civil immigration detainees. This different treatment shows that California is seeking to regulate the federal government, which is not permitted under well-established Supreme Court precedent.

“The Department of Justice and the Trump Administration are going to fight these unjust, unfair, and unconstitutional policies that have been imposed on you,” Attorney General Jeff Sessions today told law enforcement officers attending the California Peace Officers Association’s 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Law Enforcement Legislative Day, referencing AB 450, SB 54, and AB 103. “We are fighting to make your jobs safer and to help you reduce crime in America. And I believe that we are going to win.”

“Our duty at the Department of Homeland Security is to enforce and uphold the nation’s security laws as passed by the U.S. Congress and signed by the President,” said Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen for the Department of Homeland Security. “California has chosen to purposefully contradict the will and responsibility of the Congress to protect our homeland. I appreciate the efforts of Attorney General Jeff Sessions and the Department of Justice to uphold the rule of law and protect American communities.”

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- The President's Budget proposes \$3 billion in new funding in 2018 and \$10 billion in new funding in 2019 for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to combat the opioid epidemic.
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- By working with local forces and giving our commanders on the ground increased flexibility, we have almost completely defeated ISIS.
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**ENSURING THE SAFETY OF AMERICANS:** It is time to end immigration policies that jeopardize the security of our communities.

- The Trump Administration has repeatedly described how our current immigration system jeopardizes America's national security and public safety.
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  - During that period, 1,716 foreign-born aliens with national security concerns were removed from the United States.
- The DOJ and DHS report further found that a number of foreign-born terrorists entered the United States based on family ties and extended-family chain migration.
  - There have been a number of terrorist attacks in the United States carried out by children of foreign-born individuals.
- In FY 2017, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers and Border Patrol agents arrested more than 20,000 criminal aliens and more than 10,000 individuals who were wanted by law enforcement authorities.
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**REFORMS NEEDED:** President Trump has proposed vital reforms needed to improve our immigration system and provide a permanent solution for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

- President Trump has released a framework that will fulfill four agreed-upon pillars of immigration reform.
- President Trump has made clear that we must secure our borders and close legal loopholes that prevent the prompt removal of those who cross the border illegally. This includes a \$25 billion trust fund for the border wall system, ports of entry and exit, and northern border improvements.
- President Trump is promoting nuclear family migration by allowing immigration sponsorships of spouses and minor children only.
  - More than 70 percent of immigrants who receive green cards every year do so based on their family relationships, not their skills.
- President Trump has called for ending the visa lottery program, and therefore stopping our current practice of awarding green cards without consideration of skills or merit.
  - The United States now awards 50,000 green cards every year through the visa lottery.
- President Trump wants to provide legal status for DACA recipients and certain other DACA-

eligible illegal immigrants—a total population of approximately 1.8 million individuals.

**IMMIGRATION REFORM WILL BENEFIT STRUGGLING AMERICAN COMMUNITIES:** Merit-based immigration reform will benefit American workers and relieve the strain imposed by our current system on Federal resources.

- Years of mass low-skilled immigration has led to suppressed wages and has strained Federal resources.
- Most immigrants who receive green cards every year are low-skilled or unskilled workers.
  - Almost one-third of all adult immigrants in the United States have not graduated high school.
- Only about 1 of every 15 immigrants who come to the United States each year is admitted on the basis of skill.
- Our current immigration system strains the resources of our Nation's welfare programs.
  - More than half of all immigrant households use one or more welfare programs.
  - Immigrants with a college education or higher, however, are less likely to receive welfare benefits.
- Real hourly wages for Americans with a high school diploma or lower have declined since 1979.

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- In January 2018, the President announced his decision to provide safeguard relief to U.S. manufacturers injured by surging imports of washing machines and solar products.
  - The President's decision was based on a series of recommendations made by the independent and bipartisan International Trade Commission (ITC).
  - This is the first time Section 201 of the Trade Act has been used to impose tariffs in 16 years.
  - These actions respond to unfair trade practices by China and other countries, including attempts to avoid legally imposed antidumping and countervailing duties.
  - Following the decision, Whirlpool announced 200 new jobs in Ohio.
  - The President's decision will ensure that Samsung and LG follow through on their commitments to produce washing machines in South Carolina and Tennessee, creating more jobs for American workers.
- During 2017, the Trump Administration conducted 82 major antidumping and countervailing duty investigations, a 58 percent increase over 2016.
  - This includes the first self-initiation of an antidumping investigation in 25 years.
  - Many of these investigations resulted in import duties to address dumping and subsidies, including one in response to Canada's unfair trade in softwood lumber.
  - USTR and Commerce are working together to defend the right of the United States to continue treating China as a non-market economy in antidumping investigations until it makes the reforms it agreed to when it joined the WTO.
- The Trump Administration has successfully litigated numerous WTO disputes, helping force countries to abandon unfair practices and preserving the U.S. right to enact fair laws.
  - In November 2017, the United States won a dispute on Indonesia's unfair import licensing regime that was blocking the export of U.S. agricultural goods.
  - In October 2017, the WTO determined that the U.S. tuna labeling rules were consistent with WTO standards, helping the United States to inform consumers about safe fishing practices.
  - In September 2017, the WTO rejected the EU's allegations that Boeing was receiving prohibited subsidies.
- For only the fourth time in the history of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), a government committee that reviews foreign investments for national security purposes,

President Trump blocked a transaction when he determined that the foreign investment under review would undermine U.S. national security interests.

**PUTTING THE AMERICAN WORKER FIRST:** President Trump is renegotiating trade deals and international agreements that have not provided the expected benefits to the United States. The President is also seeking new deals to open markets for U.S. exports and reshaping international institutions to serve the interests of U.S. workers.

- The Trump Administration is renegotiating and modernizing the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) to ensure that it does not harm American workers and companies. This is the first renegotiation of a major free trade agreement in U.S. history.
- The Administration is working with Korea to ensure that trade under the U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement (KORUS) is more equitable and reciprocal.
- President Trump withdrew the United States from the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), because the deal negotiated by the past Administration did not sufficiently prioritize the needs of the American workforce.
- The United States is seeking to enter into new trade agreements with countries that commit to fair and reciprocal trade.
- The United States is committed to reforming the WTO to ensure that countries are held accountable for breaking the rules and that U.S. sovereignty is respected.
- The President shaped Leaders Statements at the G7, G20, and APEC, ensuring that they highlighted concerns about unfair trade practices and promoted fair and reciprocal trade for the first time ever.

**THE ART OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEAL:** President Trump is negotiating deals to increase U.S. exports and to bring investment to the United States.

- In the first few weeks of 2018, the Trump Administration approved the potential sale of \$133 million in anti-ballistic missile defense systems to Japan, providing additional defensive capabilities to a key regional ally threatened by the North Korean regime.
- On his first trip overseas, President Trump made a \$110 billion deal for the intended sales of defense equipment and services with Saudi Arabia – a major regional defense partner and ally.
- Foreign companies are re-investing in America, driving job creation and manufacturing across our Nation.
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- The Trump Administration has successfully litigated numerous WTO disputes, helping force countries to abandon unfair practices and preserving the U.S. right to enact fair laws.
  - In November 2017, the United States won a dispute on Indonesia's unfair import licensing regime that was blocking the export of U.S. agricultural goods.
  - In October 2017, the WTO determined that the U.S. tuna labeling rules were consistent with WTO standards, helping the United States to inform consumers about safe fishing practices.
  - In September 2017, the WTO rejected the EU's allegations that Boeing was receiving prohibited subsidies.
- For only the fourth time in the history of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), a government committee that reviews foreign investments for national security purposes,

President Trump blocked a transaction when he determined that the foreign investment under review would undermine U.S. national security interests.

**PUTTING THE AMERICAN WORKER FIRST:** President Trump is renegotiating trade deals and international agreements that have not provided the expected benefits to the United States. The President is also seeking new deals to open markets for U.S. exports and reshaping international institutions to serve the interests of U.S. workers.

- The Trump Administration is renegotiating and modernizing the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) to ensure that it does not harm American workers and companies. This is the first renegotiation of a major free trade agreement in U.S. history.
- The Administration is working with Korea to ensure that trade under the U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement (KORUS) is more equitable and reciprocal.
- President Trump withdrew the United States from the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), because the deal negotiated by the past Administration did not sufficiently prioritize the needs of the American workforce.
- The United States is seeking to enter into new trade agreements with countries that commit to fair and reciprocal trade.
- The United States is committed to reforming the WTO to ensure that countries are held accountable for breaking the rules and that U.S. sovereignty is respected.
- The President shaped Leaders Statements at the G7, G20, and APEC, ensuring that they highlighted concerns about unfair trade practices and promoted fair and reciprocal trade for the first time ever.

**THE ART OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEAL:** President Trump is negotiating deals to increase U.S. exports and to bring investment to the United States.

- In the first few weeks of 2018, the Trump Administration approved the potential sale of \$133 million in anti-ballistic missile defense systems to Japan, providing additional defensive capabilities to a key regional ally threatened by the North Korean regime.
- On his first trip overseas, President Trump made a \$110 billion deal for the intended sales of defense equipment and services with Saudi Arabia – a major regional defense partner and ally.
- Foreign companies are re-investing in America, driving job creation and manufacturing across our Nation.
  - Japanese automakers Toyota and Mazda have announced the creation of a new \$1.6 billion Alabama manufacturing plant, contributing thousands of jobs to the American economy.

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**A MODEL FOR REFORM:** President Donald J. Trump is taking steps to reform the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), which can serve as a model for wider government reform.

- The President has undertaken significant reforms at the VA, increasing accountability for veterans and providing them with the benefits they truly deserve.
- On June 23, 2017, the President signed the Veterans Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act. The bill:
  - gives the Secretary of Veterans Affairs the authority to quickly remove Federal employees who fail and endanger our veterans;
  - gives the Secretary of Veterans Affairs the direct authority to hire and appoint new medical center directors at VA hospitals; and
  - protects whistleblowers who do the right thing to protect our veterans.
- As part of President Trump's initiative to restore accountability for veterans, the VA has fired 1,470 failing employees, suspended 443, and demoted 83 others through December 31, 2017.
- In January 2018, the VA became the only hospital system in the country to publicly publish its opioid prescribing rates for all of its pharmacies.
- On August 23, 2017, the President signed the Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017, streamlining the lengthy process by which veterans appeal disability claims.

**GOVERNING FOR THE PEOPLE:** President Trump is spearheading an ambitious agenda of government reform so agencies and departments work for the American people once again.

- Beyond regulatory reform, the Trump Administration's executive agencies have launched major reorganizations to meet the needs of Americans.
- On March 13, 2017, the President issued an Executive Order to create a comprehensive plan to reorganize the executive branch, along with a budget blueprint, which will eliminate outdated, unnecessary, or dysfunctional programs across the government.
- Under the guidance of the President:
  - The Secretary of Agriculture is reforming the Department to best meet America's needs:
    - To emphasize the importance of trade in the agriculture industry, the Secretary created new senior positions to promote agricultural trade and to elevate the rural development agencies within the Department; and
    - To eliminate unnecessary bureaucracy and duplication, the Secretary merged overlapping offices throughout the Department such as those overseeing commodity procurement, food quality grading, and nutrition.
  - The Secretary of Energy announced his intention to modernize the Department, including cutting red tape. This will empower the National Laboratories to focus on mission-critical work and return the Department to its original three Under Secretary statutory framework, which will better advance priorities, address present and future energy challenges, and

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- The Secretary of the Interior is restructuring the bureaucracy and establishing common regional boundaries to facilitate coordination between bureaus.
- The Secretary of State is ambitiously reforming the State Department, realigning priorities to most effectively and efficiently meet the country's diplomatic and national security needs.
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- The President will continue to end policies that benefit the Washington swamp at the expense of working-class Americans.
  - Through policies targeted to benefit middle-class Americans, President Trump is restoring the American Dream and creating opportunity for each and every American.
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- The President is donating his salary every quarter, ensuring that his focus remains solely on benefitting the American people.

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**TAX CUTS AND REFORM:** President Donald J. Trump has delivered comprehensive tax cuts and reform to the American people, providing taxpayers and businesses with the tax relief they need.

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  - Obamacare's burdensome individual mandate has been repealed, providing immediate financial relief to Americans.
- By reducing the top Federal corporate tax rate from 35 to 21 percent, American businesses will keep more capital and jobs here in the United States.
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PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP'S STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS  
*Remarks as prepared for delivery*

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Vice President, Members of Congress, the First Lady of the United States, and my fellow Americans:

Less than 1 year has passed since I first stood at this podium, in this majestic chamber, to speak on behalf of the American People -- and to address their concerns, their hopes, and their dreams. That night, our new Administration had already taken swift action. A new tide of optimism was already sweeping across our land.

Each day since, we have gone forward with a clear vision and a righteous mission -- to make America great again for all Americans.

Over the last year, we have made incredible progress and achieved extraordinary success. We have faced challenges we expected, and others we could never have imagined. We have shared in the heights of victory

and the pains of hardship. We endured floods and fires and storms. But through it all, we have seen the beauty of America's soul, and the steel in America's spine.

Each test has forged new American heroes to remind us who we are, and show us what we can be.

We saw the volunteers of the "Cajun Navy," racing to the rescue with their fishing boats to save people in the aftermath of a devastating hurricane.

We saw strangers shielding strangers from a hail of gunfire on the Las Vegas strip.

We heard tales of Americans like Coast Guard Petty Officer Ashlee Leppert, who is here tonight in the gallery with Melania. Ashlee was aboard one of the first helicopters on the scene in Houston during Hurricane Harvey. Through 18 hours of wind and rain, Ashlee braved live power lines and deep water, to help save more than 40 lives. Thank you, Ashlee.

We heard about Americans like firefighter David Dahlberg. He is here with us too. David faced down walls of flame to rescue almost 60 children trapped at a California summer camp threatened by wildfires.

To everyone still recovering in Texas, Florida, Louisiana, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, California, and everywhere else -- we are with you, we love you, and we will pull through together.

Some trials over the past year touched this chamber very personally. With us tonight is one of the toughest people ever to serve in this House -- a guy who took a bullet, almost died, and was back to work three and a half months later: the legend from Louisiana,

Congressman Steve Scalise.

We are incredibly grateful for the heroic efforts of the Capitol Police Officers, the Alexandria Police, and the doctors, nurses, and paramedics who saved his life, and the lives of many others in this room.

In the aftermath of that terrible shooting, we came together, not as Republicans or Democrats, but as representatives of the people. But it is not enough to come together only in times of tragedy. Tonight, I call upon all of us to set aside our differences, to seek out common ground, and to summon the unity we need to deliver for the people we were elected to serve.

Over the last year, the world has seen what we always knew: that no people on Earth are so fearless, or daring, or determined as Americans. If there is a mountain, we climb it. If there is a frontier, we cross it. If there is a challenge, we tame it. If there is an opportunity, we seize it.

So let us begin tonight by recognizing that the state of our Union is strong because our people are strong.

And together, we are building a safe, strong, and proud America.

Since the election, we have created 2.4 million new jobs, including 200,000 new jobs in manufacturing alone. After years of wage stagnation, we are finally seeing rising wages.

Unemployment claims have hit a 45-year low. African-American unemployment stands at the lowest rate ever recorded, and Hispanic American unemployment has also reached the lowest levels in history.

Small business confidence is at an all-time high. The stock market

has smashed one record after another, gaining \$8 trillion in value. That is great news for Americans' 401k, retirement, pension, and college savings accounts.

And just as I promised the American people from this podium 11 months ago, we enacted the biggest tax cuts and reforms in American history.

Our massive tax cuts provide tremendous relief for the middle class and small businesses.

To lower tax rates for hardworking Americans, we nearly doubled the standard deduction for everyone. Now, the first \$24,000 earned by a married couple is completely tax-free. We also doubled the child tax credit.

A typical family of four making \$75,000 will see their tax bill reduced by \$2,000 -- slashing their tax bill in half.

This April will be the last time you ever file under the old broken system -- and millions of Americans will have more take-home pay starting next month.

We eliminated an especially cruel tax that fell mostly on Americans making less than \$50,000 a year -- forcing them to pay tremendous penalties simply because they could not afford government-ordered health plans. We repealed the core of disastrous Obamacare -- the individual mandate is now gone.

We slashed the business tax rate from 35 percent all the way down to 21 percent, so American companies can compete and win against anyone in the world. These changes alone are estimated to increase average family income by more than \$4,000.

Small businesses have also received a massive tax cut, and can now deduct 20 percent of their business income.

Here tonight are Steve Staub and Sandy Keplinger of Staub Manufacturing -- a small business in Ohio. They have just finished the best year in their 20-year history. Because of tax reform, they are handing out raises, hiring an additional 14 people, and expanding into the building next door.

One of Staub's employees, Corey Adams, is also with us tonight. Corey is an all-American worker. He supported himself through high school, lost his job during the 2008 recession, and was later hired by Staub, where he trained to become a welder. Like many hardworking Americans, Corey plans to invest his tax-cut raise into his new home and his two daughters' education. Please join me in congratulating Corey.

Since we passed tax cuts, roughly 3 million workers have already gotten tax cut bonuses -- many of them thousands of dollars per worker. Apple has just announced it plans to invest a total of \$350 billion in America, and hire another 20,000 workers.

This is our new American moment. There has never been a better time to start living the American Dream.

So to every citizen watching at home tonight -- no matter where you have been, or where you come from, this is your time. If you work hard, if you believe in yourself, if you believe in America, then you can dream anything, you can be anything, and together, we can achieve anything.

Tonight, I want to talk about what kind of future we are going to have, and what kind of Nation we are going to be. All of us, together,

as one team, one people, and one American family.

We all share the same home, the same heart, the same destiny, and the same great American flag.

Together, we are rediscovering the American way.

In America, we know that faith and family, not government and bureaucracy, are the center of the American life. Our motto is "in God we trust."

And we celebrate our police, our military, and our amazing veterans as heroes who deserve our total and unwavering support.

Here tonight is Preston Sharp, a 12-year-old boy from Redding, California, who noticed that veterans' graves were not marked with flags on Veterans Day. He decided to change that, and started a movement that has now placed 40,000 flags at the graves of our great heroes. Preston: a job well done.

Young patriots like Preston teach all of us about our civic duty as Americans. Preston's reverence for those who have served our Nation reminds us why we salute our flag, why we put our hands on our hearts for the pledge of allegiance, and why we proudly stand for the national anthem.

Americans love their country. And they deserve a Government that shows them the same love and loyalty in return.

For the last year we have sought to restore the bonds of trust between our citizens and their Government.

Working with the Senate, we are appointing judges who will interpret the Constitution as written, including a great new Supreme Court Justice, and more circuit court judges than any new administration

in the history of our country.

We are defending our Second Amendment, and have taken historic actions to protect religious liberty.

And we are serving our brave veterans, including giving our veterans choice in their healthcare decisions. Last year, the Congress passed, and I signed, the landmark VA Accountability Act. Since its passage, my Administration has already removed more than 1,500 VA employees who failed to give our veterans the care they deserve -- and we are hiring talented people who love our vets as much as we do.

I will not stop until our veterans are properly taken care of, which has been my promise to them from the very beginning of this great journey.

All Americans deserve accountability and respect -- and that is what we are giving them. So tonight, I call on the Congress to empower every Cabinet Secretary with the authority to reward good workers -- and to remove Federal employees who undermine the public trust or fail the American people.

In our drive to make Washington accountable, we have eliminated more regulations in our first year than any administration in history.

We have ended the war on American Energy -- and we have ended the war on clean coal. We are now an exporter of energy to the world.

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Here tonight is one leader in the effort to defend our country: Homeland Security Investigations Special Agent Celestino Martinez -- he goes by CJ. CJ served 15 years in the Air Force before becoming an ICE agent and spending the last 15 years fighting gang violence and getting dangerous criminals off our streets. At one point, MS-13 leaders ordered CJ's murder. But he did not cave to threats or fear. Last May, he commanded an operation to track down gang members on Long Island. His team has arrested nearly 400, including more than 220 from MS-13.

CJ: Great work. Now let us get the Congress to send you some reinforcements.

Over the next few weeks, the House and Senate will be voting on an immigration reform package.

In recent months, my Administration has met extensively with both Democrats and Republicans to craft a bipartisan approach to immigration reform. Based on these discussions, we presented the Congress with a detailed proposal that should be supported by both parties as a fair compromise -- one where nobody gets everything they want, but where our country gets the critical reforms it needs.

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The first pillar of our framework generously offers a path to citizenship for 1.8 million illegal immigrants who were brought here by their parents at a young age -- that covers almost three times more people than the previous administration. Under our plan, those who meet education and work requirements, and show good moral character, will be able to become full citizens of the United States.

The second pillar fully secures the border. That means building a wall on the Southern border, and it means hiring more heroes like CJ to keep our communities safe. Crucially, our plan closes the terrible loopholes exploited by criminals and terrorists to enter our country -- and it finally ends the dangerous practice of "catch and release."

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The fourth and final pillar protects the nuclear family by ending chain migration. Under the current broken system, a single immigrant can bring in virtually unlimited numbers of distant relatives. Under our plan, we focus on the immediate family by limiting sponsorships to spouses and minor children. This vital reform is necessary, not just for our economy, but for our security, and our future.

In recent weeks, two terrorist attacks in New York were made possible by the visa lottery and chain migration. In the age of terrorism, these programs present risks we can no longer afford.

It is time to reform these outdated immigration rules, and finally bring our immigration system into the 21st century.

These four pillars represent a down-the-middle compromise, and one that will create a safe, modern, and lawful immigration system.

For over 30 years, Washington has tried and failed to solve this problem. This Congress can be the one that finally makes it happen.

Most importantly, these four pillars will produce legislation that fulfills my ironclad pledge to only sign a bill that puts America first. So let us come together, set politics aside, and finally get the job done.

These reforms will also support our response to the terrible crisis of opioid and drug addiction.

In 2016, we lost 64,000 Americans to drug overdoses: 174 deaths per day. Seven per hour. We must get much tougher on drug dealers and pushers if we are going to succeed in stopping this scourge.

My Administration is committed to fighting the drug epidemic and helping get treatment for those in need. The struggle will be long and difficult -- but, as Americans always do, we will prevail.

As we have seen tonight, the most difficult challenges bring out the best in America.

We see a vivid expression of this truth in the story of the Holets family of New Mexico. Ryan Holets is 27 years old, and an officer with the Albuquerque Police Department. He is here tonight with his wife Rebecca. Last year, Ryan was on duty when he saw a pregnant, homeless woman preparing to inject heroin. When Ryan told her she was going to harm her unborn child, she began to weep. She told him she did not know where to turn, but badly wanted a safe home for her baby.

In that moment, Ryan said he felt God speak to him: "You will do it -- because you can." He took out a picture of his wife and their four kids. Then, he went home to tell his wife Rebecca. In an instant, she agreed to adopt. The Holets named their new daughter Hope.

Ryan and Rebecca: You embody the goodness of our Nation. Thank

you, and congratulations.

As we rebuild America's strength and confidence at home, we are also restoring our strength and standing abroad.

Around the world, we face rogue regimes, terrorist groups, and rivals like China and Russia that challenge our interests, our economy, and our values. In confronting these dangers, we know that weakness is the surest path to conflict, and unmatched power is the surest means of our defense.

For this reason, I am asking the Congress to end the dangerous defense sequester and fully fund our great military.

As part of our defense, we must modernize and rebuild our nuclear arsenal, hopefully never having to use it, but making it so strong and powerful that it will deter any acts of aggression. Perhaps someday in the future there will be a magical moment when the countries of the world will get together to eliminate their nuclear weapons. Unfortunately, we are not there yet.

Last year, I also pledged that we would work with our allies to extinguish ISIS from the face of the Earth. One year later, I am proud to report that the coalition to defeat ISIS has liberated almost 100 percent of the territory once held by these killers in Iraq and Syria. But there is much more work to be done. We will continue our fight until ISIS is defeated.

Army Staff Sergeant Justin Peck is here tonight. Near Raqqa last November, Justin and his comrade, Chief Petty Officer Kenton Stacy, were on a mission to clear buildings that ISIS had rigged with explosives so that civilians could return to the city.

Clearing the second floor of a vital hospital, Kenton Stacy was severely wounded by an explosion. Immediately, Justin bounded into the booby-trapped building and found Kenton in bad shape. He applied pressure to the wound and inserted a tube to reopen an airway. He then performed CPR for 20 straight minutes during the ground transport and maintained artificial respiration through 2 hours of emergency surgery.

Kenton Stacy would have died if not for Justin's selfless love for a fellow warrior. Tonight, Kenton is recovering in Texas. Raqqa is liberated. And Justin is wearing his new Bronze Star, with a "V" for "Valor." Staff Sergeant Peck: All of America salutes you.

Terrorists who do things like place bombs in civilian hospitals are evil. When possible, we annihilate them. When necessary, we must be able to detain and question them. But we must be clear: Terrorists are not merely criminals. They are unlawful enemy combatants. And when captured overseas, they should be treated like the terrorists they are.

In the past, we have foolishly released hundreds of dangerous terrorists, only to meet them again on the battlefield -- including the ISIS leader, al-Baghdadi.

So today, I am keeping another promise. I just signed an order directing Secretary Mattis to reexamine our military detention policy and to keep open the detention facilities at Guantánamo Bay.

I am also asking the Congress to ensure that, in the fight against ISIS and al-Qa'ida, we continue to have all necessary power to detain terrorists -- wherever we chase them down.

Our warriors in Afghanistan also have new rules of engagement. Along with their heroic Afghan partners, our military is no

longer undermined by artificial timelines, and we no longer tell our enemies our plans.

Last month, I also took an action endorsed unanimously by the Senate just months before: I recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

Shortly afterwards, dozens of countries voted in the United Nations General Assembly against America's sovereign right to make this recognition. American taxpayers generously send those same countries billions of dollars in aid every year.

That is why, tonight, I am asking the Congress to pass legislation to help ensure American foreign-assistance dollars always serve American interests, and only go to America's friends.

As we strengthen friendships around the world, we are also restoring clarity about our adversaries.

When the people of Iran rose up against the crimes of their corrupt dictatorship, I did not stay silent. America stands with the people of Iran in their courageous struggle for freedom.

I am asking the Congress to address the fundamental flaws in the terrible Iran nuclear deal.

My Administration has also imposed tough sanctions on the communist and socialist dictatorships in Cuba and Venezuela.

But no regime has oppressed its own citizens more totally or brutally than the cruel dictatorship in North Korea.

North Korea's reckless pursuit of nuclear missiles could very soon threaten our homeland.

We are waging a campaign of maximum pressure to prevent that from

happening.

Past experience has taught us that complacency and concessions only invite aggression and provocation. I will not repeat the mistakes of past administrations that got us into this dangerous position.

We need only look at the depraved character of the North Korean regime to understand the nature of the nuclear threat it could pose to America and our allies.

Otto Warmbier was a hardworking student at the University of Virginia. On his way to study abroad in Asia, Otto joined a tour to North Korea. At its conclusion, this wonderful young man was arrested and charged with crimes against the state. After a shameful trial, the dictatorship sentenced Otto to 15 years of hard labor, before returning him to America last June -- horribly injured and on the verge of death. He passed away just days after his return.

Otto's Parents, Fred and Cindy Warmbier, are with us tonight -- along with Otto's brother and sister, Austin and Greta. You are powerful witnesses to a menace that threatens our world, and your strength inspires us all. Tonight, we pledge to honor Otto's memory with American resolve.

Finally, we are joined by one more witness to the ominous nature of this regime. His name is Mr. Ji Seong-ho.

In 1996, Seong-ho was a starving boy in North Korea. One day, he tried to steal coal from a railroad car to barter for a few scraps of food. In the process, he passed out on the train tracks, exhausted from hunger. He woke up as a train ran over his limbs. He then endured multiple amputations without anything to dull the pain. His brother and

sister gave what little food they had to help him recover and ate dirt themselves -- permanently stunting their own growth. Later, he was tortured by North Korean authorities after returning from a brief visit to China. His tormentors wanted to know if he had met any Christians. He had -- and he resolved to be free.

Seong-ho traveled thousands of miles on crutches across China and Southeast Asia to freedom. Most of his family followed. His father was caught trying to escape, and was tortured to death.

Today he lives in Seoul, where he rescues other defectors, and broadcasts into North Korea what the regime fears the most -- the truth.

Today he has a new leg, but Seong-ho, I understand you still keep those crutches as a reminder of how far you have come. Your great sacrifice is an inspiration to us all.

Seong-ho's story is a testament to the yearning of every human soul to live in freedom.

It was that same yearning for freedom that nearly 250 years ago gave birth to a special place called America. It was a small cluster of colonies caught between a great ocean and a vast wilderness. But it was home to an incredible people with a revolutionary idea: that they could rule themselves. That they could chart their own destiny. And that, together, they could light up the world.

That is what our country has always been about. That is what Americans have always stood for, always strived for, and always done.

Atop the dome of this Capitol stands the Statue of Freedom. She stands tall and dignified among the monuments to our ancestors who fought and lived and died to protect her.

Monuments to Washington and Jefferson -- to Lincoln and King.

Memorials to the heroes of Yorktown and Saratoga -- to young Americans who shed their blood on the shores of Normandy, and the fields beyond. And others, who went down in the waters of the Pacific and the skies over Asia.

And freedom stands tall over one more monument: this one. This Capitol. This living monument to the American people.

A people whose heroes live not only in the past, but all around us -- defending hope, pride, and the American way.

They work in every trade. They sacrifice to raise a family. They care for our children at home. They defend our flag abroad. They are strong moms and brave kids. They are firefighters, police officers, border agents, medics, and Marines.

But above all else, they are Americans. And this Capitol, this city, and this Nation, belong to them.

Our task is to respect them, to listen to them, to serve them, to protect them, and to always be worthy of them.

Americans fill the world with art and music. They push the bounds of science and discovery. And they forever remind us of what we should never forget: The people dreamed this country. The people built this country. And it is the people who are making America great again.

As long as we are proud of who we are, and what we are fighting for, there is nothing we cannot achieve.

As long as we have confidence in our values, faith in our citizens, and trust in our God, we will not fail.

Our families will thrive.

Our people will prosper.

And our Nation will forever be safe and strong and proud and mighty  
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Thank you, and God bless America.

THE WHITE HOUSE,

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*Remarks as prepared for delivery*

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Vice President, Members of Congress, the First Lady of the United States, and my fellow Americans:

Less than 1 year has passed since I first stood at this podium, in this majestic chamber, to speak on behalf of the American People -- and to address their concerns, their hopes, and their dreams. That night, our new Administration had already taken swift action. A new tide of optimism was already sweeping across our land.

Each day since, we have gone forward with a clear vision and a righteous mission -- to make America great again for all Americans.

Over the last year, we have made incredible progress and achieved extraordinary success. We have faced challenges we expected, and others we could never have imagined. We have shared in the heights of victory

and the pains of hardship. We endured floods and fires and storms. But through it all, we have seen the beauty of America's soul, and the steel in America's spine.

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We saw the volunteers of the "Cajun Navy," racing to the rescue with their fishing boats to save people in the aftermath of a devastating hurricane.

We saw strangers shielding strangers from a hail of gunfire on the Las Vegas strip.

We heard tales of Americans like Coast Guard Petty Officer Ashlee Leppert, who is here tonight in the gallery with Melania. Ashlee was aboard one of the first helicopters on the scene in Houston during Hurricane Harvey. Through 18 hours of wind and rain, Ashlee braved live power lines and deep water, to help save more than 40 lives. Thank you, Ashlee.

We heard about Americans like firefighter David Dahlberg. He is here with us too. David faced down walls of flame to rescue almost 60 children trapped at a California summer camp threatened by wildfires.

To everyone still recovering in Texas, Florida, Louisiana, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, California, and everywhere else -- we are with you, we love you, and we will pull through together.

Some trials over the past year touched this chamber very personally. With us tonight is one of the toughest people ever to serve in this House -- a guy who took a bullet, almost died, and was back to work three and a half months later: the legend from Louisiana,

Congressman Steve Scalise.

We are incredibly grateful for the heroic efforts of the Capitol Police Officers, the Alexandria Police, and the doctors, nurses, and paramedics who saved his life, and the lives of many others in this room.

In the aftermath of that terrible shooting, we came together, not as Republicans or Democrats, but as representatives of the people. But it is not enough to come together only in times of tragedy. Tonight, I call upon all of us to set aside our differences, to seek out common ground, and to summon the unity we need to deliver for the people we were elected to serve.

Over the last year, the world has seen what we always knew: that no people on Earth are so fearless, or daring, or determined as Americans. If there is a mountain, we climb it. If there is a frontier, we cross it. If there is a challenge, we tame it. If there is an opportunity, we seize it.

So let us begin tonight by recognizing that the state of our Union is strong because our people are strong.

And together, we are building a safe, strong, and proud America.

Since the election, we have created 2.4 million new jobs, including 200,000 new jobs in manufacturing alone. After years of wage stagnation, we are finally seeing rising wages.

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Small business confidence is at an all-time high. The stock market

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And just as I promised the American people from this podium 11 months ago, we enacted the biggest tax cuts and reforms in American history.

Our massive tax cuts provide tremendous relief for the middle class and small businesses.

To lower tax rates for hardworking Americans, we nearly doubled the standard deduction for everyone. Now, the first \$24,000 earned by a married couple is completely tax-free. We also doubled the child tax credit.

A typical family of four making \$75,000 will see their tax bill reduced by \$2,000 -- slashing their tax bill in half.

This April will be the last time you ever file under the old broken system -- and millions of Americans will have more take-home pay starting next month.

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We slashed the business tax rate from 35 percent all the way down to 21 percent, so American companies can compete and win against anyone in the world. These changes alone are estimated to increase average family income by more than \$4,000.

Small businesses have also received a massive tax cut, and can now deduct 20 percent of their business income.

Here tonight are Steve Staub and Sandy Keplinger of Staub Manufacturing -- a small business in Ohio. They have just finished the best year in their 20-year history. Because of tax reform, they are handing out raises, hiring an additional 14 people, and expanding into the building next door.

One of Staub's employees, Corey Adams, is also with us tonight. Corey is an all-American worker. He supported himself through high school, lost his job during the 2008 recession, and was later hired by Staub, where he trained to become a welder. Like many hardworking Americans, Corey plans to invest his tax-cut raise into his new home and his two daughters' education. Please join me in congratulating Corey.

Since we passed tax cuts, roughly 3 million workers have already gotten tax cut bonuses -- many of them thousands of dollars per worker. Apple has just announced it plans to invest a total of \$350 billion in America, and hire another 20,000 workers.

This is our new American moment. There has never been a better time to start living the American Dream.

So to every citizen watching at home tonight -- no matter where you have been, or where you come from, this is your time. If you work hard, if you believe in yourself, if you believe in America, then you can dream anything, you can be anything, and together, we can achieve anything.

Tonight, I want to talk about what kind of future we are going to have, and what kind of Nation we are going to be. All of us, together,

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We all share the same home, the same heart, the same destiny, and the same great American flag.

Together, we are rediscovering the American way.

In America, we know that faith and family, not government and bureaucracy, are the center of the American life. Our motto is "in God we trust."

And we celebrate our police, our military, and our amazing veterans as heroes who deserve our total and unwavering support.

Here tonight is Preston Sharp, a 12-year-old boy from Redding, California, who noticed that veterans' graves were not marked with flags on Veterans Day. He decided to change that, and started a movement that has now placed 40,000 flags at the graves of our great heroes. Preston: a job well done.

Young patriots like Preston teach all of us about our civic duty as Americans. Preston's reverence for those who have served our Nation reminds us why we salute our flag, why we put our hands on our hearts for the pledge of allegiance, and why we proudly stand for the national anthem.

Americans love their country. And they deserve a Government that shows them the same love and loyalty in return.

For the last year we have sought to restore the bonds of trust between our citizens and their Government.

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So tonight, I am extending an open hand to work with members of both parties -- Democrats and Republicans -- to protect our citizens of every background, color, religion, and creed. My duty, and the sacred duty of every elected official in this chamber, is to defend Americans -- to protect their safety, their families, their communities, and their right to the American Dream. Because Americans are dreamers too.

Here tonight is one leader in the effort to defend our country: Homeland Security Investigations Special Agent Celestino Martinez -- he goes by CJ. CJ served 15 years in the Air Force before becoming an ICE agent and spending the last 15 years fighting gang violence and getting dangerous criminals off our streets. At one point, MS-13 leaders ordered CJ's murder. But he did not cave to threats or fear. Last May, he commanded an operation to track down gang members on Long Island. His team has arrested nearly 400, including more than 220 from MS-13.

CJ: Great work. Now let us get the Congress to send you some reinforcements.

Over the next few weeks, the House and Senate will be voting on an immigration reform package.

In recent months, my Administration has met extensively with both Democrats and Republicans to craft a bipartisan approach to immigration reform. Based on these discussions, we presented the Congress with a detailed proposal that should be supported by both parties as a fair compromise -- one where nobody gets everything they want, but where our country gets the critical reforms it needs.

Here are the four pillars of our plan:

The first pillar of our framework generously offers a path to citizenship for 1.8 million illegal immigrants who were brought here by their parents at a young age -- that covers almost three times more people than the previous administration. Under our plan, those who meet education and work requirements, and show good moral character, will be able to become full citizens of the United States.

The second pillar fully secures the border. That means building a wall on the Southern border, and it means hiring more heroes like CJ to keep our communities safe. Crucially, our plan closes the terrible loopholes exploited by criminals and terrorists to enter our country -- and it finally ends the dangerous practice of "catch and release."

The third pillar ends the visa lottery -- a program that randomly hands out green cards without any regard for skill, merit, or the safety of our people. It is time to begin moving towards a merit-based immigration system -- one that admits people who are skilled, who want to work, who will contribute to our society, and who will love and respect our country.

The fourth and final pillar protects the nuclear family by ending chain migration. Under the current broken system, a single immigrant can bring in virtually unlimited numbers of distant relatives. Under our plan, we focus on the immediate family by limiting sponsorships to spouses and minor children. This vital reform is necessary, not just for our economy, but for our security, and our future.

In recent weeks, two terrorist attacks in New York were made possible by the visa lottery and chain migration. In the age of terrorism, these programs present risks we can no longer afford.

It is time to reform these outdated immigration rules, and finally bring our immigration system into the 21st century.

These four pillars represent a down-the-middle compromise, and one that will create a safe, modern, and lawful immigration system.

For over 30 years, Washington has tried and failed to solve this problem. This Congress can be the one that finally makes it happen.

Most importantly, these four pillars will produce legislation that fulfills my ironclad pledge to only sign a bill that puts America first. So let us come together, set politics aside, and finally get the job done.

These reforms will also support our response to the terrible crisis of opioid and drug addiction.

In 2016, we lost 64,000 Americans to drug overdoses: 174 deaths per day. Seven per hour. We must get much tougher on drug dealers and pushers if we are going to succeed in stopping this scourge.

My Administration is committed to fighting the drug epidemic and helping get treatment for those in need. The struggle will be long and difficult -- but, as Americans always do, we will prevail.

As we have seen tonight, the most difficult challenges bring out the best in America.

We see a vivid expression of this truth in the story of the Holets family of New Mexico. Ryan Holets is 27 years old, and an officer with the Albuquerque Police Department. He is here tonight with his wife Rebecca. Last year, Ryan was on duty when he saw a pregnant, homeless woman preparing to inject heroin. When Ryan told her she was going to harm her unborn child, she began to weep. She told him she did not know where to turn, but badly wanted a safe home for her baby.

In that moment, Ryan said he felt God speak to him: "You will do it -- because you can." He took out a picture of his wife and their four kids. Then, he went home to tell his wife Rebecca. In an instant, she agreed to adopt. The Holets named their new daughter Hope.

Ryan and Rebecca: You embody the goodness of our Nation. Thank

you, and congratulations.

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Around the world, we face rogue regimes, terrorist groups, and rivals like China and Russia that challenge our interests, our economy, and our values. In confronting these dangers, we know that weakness is the surest path to conflict, and unmatched power is the surest means of our defense.

For this reason, I am asking the Congress to end the dangerous defense sequester and fully fund our great military.

As part of our defense, we must modernize and rebuild our nuclear arsenal, hopefully never having to use it, but making it so strong and powerful that it will deter any acts of aggression. Perhaps someday in the future there will be a magical moment when the countries of the world will get together to eliminate their nuclear weapons. Unfortunately, we are not there yet.

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Army Staff Sergeant Justin Peck is here tonight. Near Raqqa last November, Justin and his comrade, Chief Petty Officer Kenton Stacy, were on a mission to clear buildings that ISIS had rigged with explosives so that civilians could return to the city.

Clearing the second floor of a vital hospital, Kenton Stacy was severely wounded by an explosion. Immediately, Justin bounded into the booby-trapped building and found Kenton in bad shape. He applied pressure to the wound and inserted a tube to reopen an airway. He then performed CPR for 20 straight minutes during the ground transport and maintained artificial respiration through 2 hours of emergency surgery.

Kenton Stacy would have died if not for Justin's selfless love for a fellow warrior. Tonight, Kenton is recovering in Texas. Raqqa is liberated. And Justin is wearing his new Bronze Star, with a "V" for "Valor." Staff Sergeant Peck: All of America salutes you.

Terrorists who do things like place bombs in civilian hospitals are evil. When possible, we annihilate them. When necessary, we must be able to detain and question them. But we must be clear: Terrorists are not merely criminals. They are unlawful enemy combatants. And when captured overseas, they should be treated like the terrorists they are.

In the past, we have foolishly released hundreds of dangerous terrorists, only to meet them again on the battlefield -- including the ISIS leader, al-Baghdadi.

So today, I am keeping another promise. I just signed an order directing Secretary Mattis to reexamine our military detention policy and to keep open the detention facilities at Guantánamo Bay.

I am also asking the Congress to ensure that, in the fight against ISIS and al-Qa'ida, we continue to have all necessary power to detain terrorists -- wherever we chase them down.

Our warriors in Afghanistan also have new rules of engagement. Along with their heroic Afghan partners, our military is no

longer undermined by artificial timelines, and we no longer tell our enemies our plans.

Last month, I also took an action endorsed unanimously by the Senate just months before: I recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

Shortly afterwards, dozens of countries voted in the United Nations General Assembly against America's sovereign right to make this recognition. American taxpayers generously send those same countries billions of dollars in aid every year.

That is why, tonight, I am asking the Congress to pass legislation to help ensure American foreign-assistance dollars always serve American interests, and only go to America's friends.

As we strengthen friendships around the world, we are also restoring clarity about our adversaries.

When the people of Iran rose up against the crimes of their corrupt dictatorship, I did not stay silent. America stands with the people of Iran in their courageous struggle for freedom.

I am asking the Congress to address the fundamental flaws in the terrible Iran nuclear deal.

My Administration has also imposed tough sanctions on the communist and socialist dictatorships in Cuba and Venezuela.

But no regime has oppressed its own citizens more totally or brutally than the cruel dictatorship in North Korea.

North Korea's reckless pursuit of nuclear missiles could very soon threaten our homeland.

We are waging a campaign of maximum pressure to prevent that from

happening.

Past experience has taught us that complacency and concessions only invite aggression and provocation. I will not repeat the mistakes of past administrations that got us into this dangerous position.

We need only look at the depraved character of the North Korean regime to understand the nature of the nuclear threat it could pose to America and our allies.

Otto Warmbier was a hardworking student at the University of Virginia. On his way to study abroad in Asia, Otto joined a tour to North Korea. At its conclusion, this wonderful young man was arrested and charged with crimes against the state. After a shameful trial, the dictatorship sentenced Otto to 15 years of hard labor, before returning him to America last June -- horribly injured and on the verge of death. He passed away just days after his return.

Otto's Parents, Fred and Cindy Warmbier, are with us tonight -- along with Otto's brother and sister, Austin and Greta. You are powerful witnesses to a menace that threatens our world, and your strength inspires us all. Tonight, we pledge to honor Otto's memory with American resolve.

Finally, we are joined by one more witness to the ominous nature of this regime. His name is Mr. Ji Seong-ho.

In 1996, Seong-ho was a starving boy in North Korea. One day, he tried to steal coal from a railroad car to barter for a few scraps of food. In the process, he passed out on the train tracks, exhausted from hunger. He woke up as a train ran over his limbs. He then endured multiple amputations without anything to dull the pain. His brother and

sister gave what little food they had to help him recover and ate dirt themselves -- permanently stunting their own growth. Later, he was tortured by North Korean authorities after returning from a brief visit to China. His tormentors wanted to know if he had met any Christians. He had -- and he resolved to be free.

Seong-ho traveled thousands of miles on crutches across China and Southeast Asia to freedom. Most of his family followed. His father was caught trying to escape, and was tortured to death.

Today he lives in Seoul, where he rescues other defectors, and broadcasts into North Korea what the regime fears the most -- the truth.

Today he has a new leg, but Seong-ho, I understand you still keep those crutches as a reminder of how far you have come. Your great sacrifice is an inspiration to us all.

Seong-ho's story is a testament to the yearning of every human soul to live in freedom.

It was that same yearning for freedom that nearly 250 years ago gave birth to a special place called America. It was a small cluster of colonies caught between a great ocean and a vast wilderness. But it was home to an incredible people with a revolutionary idea: that they could rule themselves. That they could chart their own destiny. And that, together, they could light up the world.

That is what our country has always been about. That is what Americans have always stood for, always strived for, and always done.

Atop the dome of this Capitol stands the Statue of Freedom. She stands tall and dignified among the monuments to our ancestors who fought and lived and died to protect her.

Monuments to Washington and Jefferson -- to Lincoln and King.

Memorials to the heroes of Yorktown and Saratoga -- to young Americans who shed their blood on the shores of Normandy, and the fields beyond. And others, who went down in the waters of the Pacific and the skies over Asia.

And freedom stands tall over one more monument: this one. This Capitol. This living monument to the American people.

A people whose heroes live not only in the past, but all around us -- defending hope, pride, and the American way.

They work in every trade. They sacrifice to raise a family. They care for our children at home. They defend our flag abroad. They are strong moms and brave kids. They are firefighters, police officers, border agents, medics, and Marines.

But above all else, they are Americans. And this Capitol, this city, and this Nation, belong to them.

Our task is to respect them, to listen to them, to serve them, to protect them, and to always be worthy of them.

Americans fill the world with art and music. They push the bounds of science and discovery. And they forever remind us of what we should never forget: The people dreamed this country. The people built this country. And it is the people who are making America great again.

As long as we are proud of who we are, and what we are fighting for, there is nothing we cannot achieve.

As long as we have confidence in our values, faith in our citizens, and trust in our God, we will not fail.

Our families will thrive.

Our people will prosper.

And our Nation will forever be safe and strong and proud and mighty  
and free.

Thank you, and God bless America.

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**Subject:** SOTU Background Briefing Call

All,

Tomorrow, Saturday, Jan. 27, we will be previewing the President's State of the Union address at 1:30 PM ET. We will detail the major themes of the address, along with keywords to describe the speech.

This call will be on background, and informational only – we will not be taking questions.

**WHAT:** State of the Union Preview Call  
**WHEN:** Saturday, Jan. 27 at 1:30 p.m. ET  
**DIAL-IN:**

A participant may register for the conference at <http://ems6.intellor.com?do=register&t=2&p=601849> after which s/he will receive an email containing dial-in numbers and a personalized access code.

Hope you can join us tomorrow.

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**Subject:** White House Framework on Immigration Reform & Border Security

Wanted to be sure you got the following information. As always, please let me know if I can answer any questions.

### **WHITE HOUSE FRAMEWORK ON IMMIGRATION REFORM & BORDER SECURITY**

**BORDER SECURITY:** Securing the Southern and Northern border of the United States takes a combination of physical infrastructure, technology, personnel, resources, authorities, and the ability to close legal loopholes that are exploited by smugglers, traffickers, cartels, criminals and terrorists.

- The Department of Homeland Security must have the tools to deter illegal immigration; the ability to remove individuals who illegally enter the United States; and the vital authorities necessary to protect national security.
- These measures below are the minimum tools necessary to mitigate the rapidly growing surge of illegal immigration.
  - \$25 billion trust fund for the border wall system, ports of entry/exit, and northern border improvements and enhancements.
  - Close crippling personnel deficiencies by appropriating additional funds to hire new DHS personnel, ICE attorneys, immigration judges, prosecutors and other law enforcement professionals.
  - Hiring and pay reforms to ensure the recruitment and retention of critically-needed personnel.
  - Deter illegal entry by ending dangerous statutorily-imposed catch-and-release and by closing legal loopholes that have eroded our ability to secure the immigration system and protect public safety.
  - Ensure the detention and removal of criminal aliens, gang members, violent offenders, and aggravated felons.
  - Ensure the prompt removal of illegal border-crossers regardless of country of origin.
  - Deter visa overstays with efficient removal.
  - Ensure synthetic drugs (fentanyl) are prevented from entering the country.
  - Institute immigration court reforms to improve efficiency and prevent fraud and abuse.

**DACA LEGALIZATION:** Provide legal status for DACA recipients and other DACA-eligible illegal immigrants, adjusting the time-frame to encompass a total population of approximately 1.8 million individuals.

- 10-12 year path to citizenship, with requirements for work, education and good moral character.
- Clear eligibility requirements to mitigate fraud.
- Status is subject to revocation for criminal conduct or public safety and national security concerns, public charge, fraud, etc.

**PROTECT THE NUCLEAR FAMILY:** Protect the nuclear family by emphasizing close familial relationships.

- Promote nuclear family migration by limiting family sponsorships to spouses and minor children only (for both Citizens and LPRs), ending extended-family chain migration.
- Apply these changes prospectively, not retroactively, by processing the “backlog.”

**ELIMINATE LOTTERY AND REPURPOSE VISAS:** The Visa Lottery selects individuals at random to come to the United States without consideration of skills, merit or public safety.

- This program is riddled with fraud and abuse and does not serve the national interest.
- Eliminate lottery and reallocate the visas to reduce the family-based “backlog” and high-skilled employment “backlog.”

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Washington Examiner  
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Over the year, as Americans have seen increases in their paychecks and retirement accounts, American companies in every sector have grown their business and created more jobs. I have created a more business-friendly environment by mandating, early on in my administration, that for every one regulation an agency proposed, two regulations must be eliminated. Many said that could not be done. Not only did we meet that goal, we far exceeded it, eliminating 22 regulatory actions for every new regulation.

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Immediately upon taking office, I directed the rebuilding of our military, a new national security strategy, a comprehensive nuclear posture review, and the fielding of state-of-the-art ballistic missile defenses. I personally engaged with 150 world leaders at home and abroad, and our great military is executing new strategies that have liberated Mosul and Raqqa, retaken almost 100 percent of the land that ISIS had seized

in Syria and Iraq, and lifted restrictions on U.S. forces in Afghanistan to defeat the terrorists and create conditions for a negotiated political settlement.

In recognition of the amazing job our military does protecting the homeland, a debt we can never truly repay, I am making sure this government fulfills its obligation to our veterans. We have already enacted major reforms to strengthen the Department of Veterans Affairs' ability to provide high quality healthcare and benefits to millions of veterans and their beneficiaries.

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**Subject:** One year mark

Hi everyone,

As you know, tomorrow marks one year since President Trump took office, and I wanted to make sure you had the below accomplishments tracker. As you can see, the President has accomplished an incredible amount in just one year, and I know many of these issues are also priorities for your principals.

I encourage you to help us mark the one year anniversary tomorrow by posting on twitter about any one of these accomplishments throughout the day tomorrow. As always, I'm available by phone or email to provide additional information or answer any questions.

Thanks for your work!

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## ***President Trump's Accomplishments (1.19.2018)***

### **THE WEEKS ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- President Trump was the first in history to address the March of Life live from the White House.
- The Department of Defense released a new national defense strategy that reversed the previous administration's objectives.
- President Trump hosted a "Conversations with Women of America" event at the White House to focus on policies to empower women.
- The Department of Health and Human Services created the Conscience and Religious Freedom Division of the Office For Civil Rights.
- The Department of Health and Human Services announced a proposal to revise its conscience regulations to protect President Trump's promise to enforce Federal conscience and religious freedom protections.

### **ADMINISTRATION'S TOP ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

#### **Government Accountable To The People**

- President Trump fulfilled his promise to the American people by nominating and, after Senate confirmation, appointing Neil Gorsuch as an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.
  - Twenty-two judges have been confirmed, including a record-setting 12 circuit judges.
- CMS rolled out a new policy supporting states in allowing work and community engagement among non-disabled, working-age Medicaid beneficiaries, excluding the elderly, those with disabilities, children, pregnant women, and victims of substance use.

- FEMA announced that private nonprofit houses of worship would be eligible for disaster assistance retroactively applying to disasters declared on or after August 23, 2017.
- President Trump reversed President Obama's last-minute land grab, by dramatically reducing the acreage of two national monuments.
  - The order ends excessive federal control of Utah land, advances protection of our national treasures through a truly representative process, one that listens to the local communities that knows the land the best and that cherishes the land the most.
- The Justice Department settled two lawsuits with conservative Tea Party groups that were unfairly scrutinized by the IRS for their tax-exempt status.
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt issued an agency-wide directive designed to end the abusive "sue and settle" Obama-era practice where environmental groups were able to impose policies through litigation that they couldn't pass through Congress.
- President Trump implemented higher ethical standards to make sure his Administration works for the American people.
  - President Trump signed an Executive Order implementing tough new lobbying standards for political appointees, including a five-year ban on lobbying and a lifetime ban on lobbying for foreign countries.
  - President Trump has donated his salary, following through on his promise to the American people.
- To make sure the Government serves the needs of all Americans, President Trump has called for a comprehensive plan to reorganize the executive branch and has used his budget to begin to implement his plan.
  - President Trump created the Office of American Innovation to streamline and improve the Government for future generations.

#### Unleashing our Economic Potential

- Under President Trump's leadership, Congress passed historic tax cuts and relief for hardworking Americans not seen since President Reagan.
  - The Tax Cuts Act provides \$5.5 trillion in tax cuts, of which \$3.2 trillion, or nearly 60 percent, goes to families.
  - A typical family of four earning \$75,000 will save more than \$2,000 in income tax cuts.
  - The Tax Cuts Act nearly doubles the standard deduction.
  - The vast majority of American families will be able to file their taxes on a single page.
  - The Tax Cuts Act will repeal Obamacare's burdensome individual mandate.
- President Trump received the Rural Prosperity Task Force report and signed an Executive Order to help expand broadband access to rural areas.
- December's job report brings the total jobs added since President Trump took office to over 1.8 million.
  - Manufacturing added 25,000 jobs, bringing the total to 184,000 manufacturing jobs added since President Trump took office.
    - Manufacturing unemployment is now at its lowest in at least 17 years
    - In the last year of the Obama administration, manufacturing was losing jobs at an average of 1,000 per month. Not only has President Trump turned that number from a negative into a positive, he's got the manufacturing sector adding jobs at an average of 16,000 per month.
- The unemployment rate is unchanged since October, remaining at an almost 17 year low
  - Unemployment is at historic lows among several groups, including among Hispanics (which is the lowest in at least 44 years), African-Americans (lowest ever recorded), veterans, and those without a high school degree.
- Second estimates for the third quarter place GDP at 3.2 percent, despite three major hurricanes making landfall. This is the best six-month stretch of growth in three years.
  - GDP in the second quarter of the year increased by 3.1 percent, more than doubling the first quarter's performance.
- The Dow Jones Industrial Average has had over 70 record highs under President Trump, including this week.
  - The Dow Jones Industrial Average is up over 36 percent since Election Day 2016.
  - Closed over 25,000 points for the first time in history on January 4, 2018.

- Small business job creation plans were at historic highs in December, according to the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) monthly Jobs Report.
- The Conference Board's Consumer Confidence Index remained at historically strong levels in December, suggesting economic growth will continue in 2018. T
- The National Association of Manufacturers' Outlook Index had the highest annual average in its history and reached a record high in fourth quarter 2017.
  - More than half of manufacturers said they would expand their businesses, hire more American workers, and buy more equipment due to tax reform.
- According to the fourth quarter CNBC All-America Economic Survey, more than half of Americans rated the economy as good or excellent for the first time in at least 11 years.
- Nearly 1.4 million Americans have dropped off the food stamp rolls since January 2017.
- Signed an Executive Order making it easier for businesses to start and expand apprenticeship programs.
  - A Department of Labor study concluded \$60,000 was the average salary of certified apprenticeship programs compared to a starting salary of under \$50,000 for a college graduate.
  - 87 percent of apprentices are employed upon completion of a program.

#### **Eliminating Job Killing Regulations & Wasteful Spending**

- President Trump's Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Action has exceeded the 2:1 mandate, issuing 22 deregulatory actions for every one new regulatory action.
  - Federal agencies achieved \$8.1 billion in lifetime net regulatory cost savings, the equivalent of \$570 million per year.
- Simply cutting red tape and putting Obama-era regulations on hold have already saved \$378 million since President Trump took office, and that savings is expected to jump into the billions next year when the administration's anti-regulation campaign hits full stride, according to a report from the American Action Forum.
- The President signed an infrastructure Executive Order which will save billions of dollars directly by streamlining and expediting the permitting process for infrastructure projects
  - The EO establishes a two year goal for the federal government to process all of the actions required by federal law for the environmental reviews and permits of major infrastructure projects
- Withdrew from the Paris Accord, which undermined U.S. competitiveness and job creation.
  - According to a study by NERA Consulting, meeting the Obama Administration's requirements in the Paris Accord would cost the U.S. economy nearly \$3 trillion over the next several decades.
  - By 2040, our economy would lose 6.5 million industrial sector jobs – including 3.1 million manufacturing sector jobs.

#### **Unlocking American Energy**

- The Interior Department announce plans to open up 90 percent of America's coastal water to oil drilling, proposing 47 possible auctions of drilling rights in nearly all parts of the U.S. continental shelf.
- The Interior Department announced it would sell leases for nearly 77 million acres starting in March in the Gulf of Mexico for oil and gas drilling, the largest offering ever.
- President Trump has acted aggressively to increase exports of our energy resources to a global market.
  - Updated guidance from the Treasury Department to allow the United States to export coal.
  - Expedited the permitting and approval processes of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminals and exports, including the approval of the Lake Charles LNG terminal in Louisiana.
  - During President Trump's Administration, our allies have continued to receive American LNG exports in order to prevent dependence on single suppliers.
- President Trump has unleashed oil and gas development in the United States by expanding access to resources and the infrastructure needed to get them to market.

- Approved the Keystone XL and Dakota Access pipelines, creating over 42,000 jobs and \$2 billion in earnings.
  - Signed an Executive Order mandating future pipeline work to be done by American workers and with American steel.
- Expedited new pipeline approval and production, including the New Burgos Pipeline to Mexico.
- President Trump signed a bill that eliminated a Dodd-Frank rule that required oil companies like Exxon Mobile to publicly disclose the taxes and fees they pay to foreign governments, which was going to cost the industry as much as \$385 million annually.
- The EPA has filed a proposal to repeal the Clean Power Plan to facilitate the development of U.S. energy resources and reduce unnecessary regulatory burden on the energy sector.
  - The Clean Power Plan is estimated to cost oil and natural gas operators as much as \$530 million annually.
- President Trump, in keeping his campaign promise to coal miners, rolled back the previous administration's "Stream Protection Rule," which had saddled the coal industry with estimated costs of at least \$81 million a year.

#### Pursuing Fair and Reciprocal Trade Deals

- President Trump announced that he intends to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) to better reflect our modern economy while benefitting all parties so involved.
- One of President Trump's first actions was to withdraw from the Trans-Pacific Partnership, fixing the Obama Administration's failed attempts protect American workers.
- The President began the process of renegotiating the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement.
- As of December 31, 2017, the trump administration has conducted 82 major actions protecting U.S. trade by initiating 82 antidumping and countervailing duty investigations, an increase of 58 percent over the previous year.
  - The Department of Commerce announced the first self-initiated antidumping and countervailing duty investigation since 1991 targeting Chinese common alloy aluminum sheet.
  - The President's Commerce Department issued a determination that Canadian companies were dumping and subsidizing softwood lumber into the United States.
- The President signed an order to investigate Chinese theft of U.S. intellectual property:
  - The IP Commission Report estimates that the annual cost to the United States economy from IP theft could be as high as \$600 billion, with China as the major contributor
- Negotiations President Trump started with China on economic cooperation have already produced results for American businesses.
  - For the first time in 14 years, since 2003, American beef imports have returned to China, opening up a \$2.5 billion market to American ranchers and producers.
  - China is welcome to negotiate contracts to import American liquefied natural gas.
- Initiated a probe aimed at determining whether Chinese and other foreign-made steel and aluminum threatens U.S. national security.
  - Chinese exports of steel into the U.S. has captured 26 percent of the market, and Chinese steel imports are up nearly 20 percent over the last year alone.

#### Transforming the Department of Veterans Affairs

- Announced plans for the Veterans Affairs administration to shift veterans' electronic medical records to the same system used by the Defense Department, ending a decades old problematic rift in sharing information between the two agencies.
  - Signed Executive Order for veterans to receive other care outside of the Department of Veterans Affairs medical system.

- President Trump issued a new Executive Order requiring the Secretaries of Defense, Homeland Security, and Veterans Affairs to submit a joint plan to provide veterans access to mental health treatment as they transition to civilian life.
- Signed the Veterans Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act to allow senior officials in the VA to fire failing employees and establishes safeguards to protect whistleblower.
  - Under President Trump, the VA has fired 1,298 employees, suspended 425, and demoted 73, as part of President Trump's efforts to restore accountability.
- The VA took steps to increase transparency and accountability by launching an online "Access and Quality Tool," providing veterans with a way to access wait time and quality of care data.
- President Trump signed the Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act after it passed the Senate unanimously earlier in August.
  - The legislation streamlines the lengthy process that veterans undergo when appealing disability benefits claims with the VA.
  - More than 470,000 veterans are waiting decisions regarding their appeals.
- The President signed the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act, another important step in providing our nation's heroes with the support they've earned for risking their lives to ensure the freedoms of all Americans:
  - The Post-9/11 GI Bill provides educational benefits to veterans, service members, and their family members, including tuition, fees, books, housing, and other additional costs.
- President Trump signed the VA Choice and Quality Employment Act of 2017 to authorize \$2.1 billion in additional funds for the Veterans Choice Program (VCP).
  - Veterans become eligible for care under the VCP if: they live more than 40 miles from the closest eligible VA medical facility, wait times that are over 30 days from the clinically indicated date, or they meet other special criteria.
- A new White House VA Hotline to help veterans will be fully staffed by veterans.
- President Trump and Veterans Affairs Secretary Dr. David Shulkin announced three initiatives to expand access to healthcare for veterans using telehealth technology.
  - "Anywhere to Anywhere VA Health Care" allows VA providers to use telehealth technology to serve veterans no matter where the provider or veteran is located.
  - Expand VA Video Connect, an application for mobile phones and computers, that allows veterans and providers to connect by video across the country.
  - Nationwide rollout of The Veteran Appointment Request (VAR) application, which allows veterans to schedule appointments at VA facilities on phones, tables, or computers.

#### **Giving Americans The Healthcare They Need**

- U.S. Department of Agriculture announced more than \$1 billion would be provided to improve access to health care services for 2.5 million people in rural communities.
- President Trump is mobilizing his entire Administration to address drug addiction and opioid abuse by directing the declaration of a Nationwide Public Health Emergency to address the opioids crisis.
- President Trump signed an Executive order to reform the United States healthcare system to take the first steps to expand choices and alternatives to Obamacare plans and increase competition to bring down costs for consumers.
  - The Secretary of Labor agreed to expand access to Association Health Plans (AHPs), which could potentially allow American employers to form groups across State lines.
  - The order directs the Departments of the Treasury, Labor, and Health and Human

- President Trump concluded there is no appropriations for cost-sharing reduction (CSR) payments to insurance companies under Obamacare.
  - CSR payments have no authority and are unlawful.
  - The bailout of insurance companies through these unlawful payments is yet another example of how the previous administration abused taxpayer dollars and skirted the law to prop up a broken system.

#### **Restoring Law and Order**

- The Department of Justice announced over \$98 million in grant funding through the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) COPS Hiring Program to allow 802 additional full-time law enforcement officers.
- As of November 16, 2017, the department of justice has worked with Central American partners to “arrest and charger some 4,000 MS-13 members” so far this year.
- The Department of Justice announced it was scheduling fentanyl substances as a drug class under the Controlled Substances Act.
  - Now, fentanyl-related substances will be brought to the same illegality and charging level as heroin or marijuana.
  - In a billion dollar opioid fraud crackdown, the DOJ charged more than 400 people, including doctors and medical facilities, who it said were prescribing unnecessary opioids to addicts and fueling the drug crisis.
  - The Department of Justice announced its first ever indictments against two Chinese nationals and their North American-based traffickers and distributors to distribute large quantities of fentanyl and other opiate substances.
- Operation Cross Country XI was conducted by the FBI to combat human trafficking, rescuing 84 children and arresting 120 human traffickers.
- After violent crime rose in 2016, the Department of Justice is reinvigorating the Project Safe Neighborhoods to provide a framework for violent crime reduction. When first started in 2001, it reduced violent crime by 4.1%.

#### **Achieving a Massive Reduction in Illegal Immigration**

- President Trump released his immigration priorities to secure the border, enforce immigration laws, and reform the immigration system. This includes:
  - Ensure funding for the southern border wall and associated infrastructure,
  - End loopholes that allow Unaccompanied Alien Children to stay in the country,
  - Reform the asylum system,
  - Expedite the remove of illegal aliens and discourage their re-entry,
  - Restrict grants for sanctuary jurisdictions,
  - Provide necessary resources to enforce immigration laws,
  - Increase employment verification to protect American Workers, and
  - Support merit-based reforms for our immigration system.
- The U.S. pulled out of the UN global compact on migration citing the declaration “contains numerous provisions that are inconsistent with US immigration and refugee policies and the Trump administration’s immigration principles.”
- Under President Trump’s leadership, the Department of Justice announced a final warning to jurisdictions suspected of having “sanctuary” policies. The jurisdictions include:
  - Cook County, Illinois;
  - Chicago, Illinois;

- New Orleans, Louisiana;
- New York, New York; and
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
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Hi everyone,

As you know, tomorrow marks one year since President Trump took office, and I wanted to make sure you had the below accomplishments tracker. As you can see, the President has accomplished an incredible amount in just one year, and I know many of these issues are also priorities for your principals.

I encourage you to help us mark the one year anniversary tomorrow by posting on twitter about any one of these accomplishments throughout the day tomorrow. As always, I'm available by phone or email to provide additional information or answer any questions.

Thanks for your work!

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## **President Trump's Accomplishments (1.19.2018)**

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- The Department of Defense released a new national defense strategy that reversed the previous administration's objectives.
- President Trump hosted a "Conversations with Women of America" event at the White House to focus on policies to empower women.
- The Department of Health and Human Services created the Conscience and Religious Freedom Division of the Office For Civil Rights.
- The Department of Health and Human Services announced a proposal to revise its conscience regulations to protect President Trump's promise to enforce Federal conscience and religious freedom protections.

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#### **Government Accountable To The People**

- President Trump fulfilled his promise to the American people by nominating and, after Senate confirmation, appointing Neil Gorsuch as an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.
  - Twenty-two judges have been confirmed, including a record-setting 12 circuit judges.
- CMS rolled out a new policy supporting states in allowing work and community engagement among non-disabled, working-age Medicaid beneficiaries, excluding the elderly, those with disabilities, children, pregnant women, and victims of substance use.

- FEMA announced that private nonprofit houses of worship would be eligible for disaster assistance retroactively applying to disasters declared on or after August 23, 2017.
- President Trump reversed President Obama's last-minute land grab, by dramatically reducing the acreage of two national monuments.
  - The order ends excessive federal control of Utah land, advances protection of our national treasures through a truly representative process, one that listens to the local communities that knows the land the best and that cherishes the land the most.
- The Justice Department settled two lawsuits with conservative Tea Party groups that were unfairly scrutinized by the IRS for their tax-exempt status.
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt issued an agency-wide directive designed to end the abusive "sue and settle" Obama-era practice where environmental groups were able to impose policies through litigation that they couldn't pass through Congress.
- President Trump implemented higher ethical standards to make sure his Administration works for the American people.
  - President Trump signed an Executive Order implementing tough new lobbying standards for political appointees, including a five-year ban on lobbying and a lifetime ban on lobbying for foreign countries.
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  - President Trump created the Office of American Innovation to streamline and improve the Government for future generations.

#### Unleashing our Economic Potential

- Under President Trump's leadership, Congress passed historic tax cuts and relief for hardworking Americans not seen since President Reagan.
  - The Tax Cuts Act provides \$5.5 trillion in tax cuts, of which \$3.2 trillion, or nearly 60 percent, goes to families.
  - A typical family of four earning \$75,000 will save more than \$2,000 in income tax cuts.
  - The Tax Cuts Act nearly doubles the standard deduction.
  - The vast majority of American families will be able to file their taxes on a single page.
  - The Tax Cuts Act will repeal Obamacare's burdensome individual mandate.
- President Trump received the Rural Prosperity Task Force report and signed an Executive Order to help expand broadband access to rural areas.
- December's job report brings the total jobs added since President Trump took office to over 1.8 million.
  - Manufacturing added 25,000 jobs, bringing the total to 184,000 manufacturing jobs added since President Trump took office.
    - Manufacturing unemployment is now at its lowest in at least 17 years
    - In the last year of the Obama administration, manufacturing was losing jobs at an average of 1,000 per month. Not only has President Trump turned that number from a negative into a positive, he's got the manufacturing sector adding jobs at an average of 16,000 per month.
- The unemployment rate is unchanged since October, remaining at an almost 17 year low
  - Unemployment is at historic lows among several groups, including among Hispanics (which is the lowest in at least 44 years), African-Americans (lowest ever recorded), veterans, and those without a high school degree.
- Second estimates for the third quarter place GDP at 3.2 percent, despite three major hurricanes making landfall. This is the best six-month stretch of growth in three years.
  - GDP in the second quarter of the year increased by 3.1 percent, more than doubling the first quarter's performance.
- The Dow Jones Industrial Average has had over 70 record highs under President Trump, including this week.
  - The Dow Jones Industrial Average is up over 36 percent since Election Day 2016.
  - Closed over 25,000 points for the first time in history on January 4, 2018.

- Small business job creation plans were at historic highs in December, according to the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) monthly Jobs Report.
- The Conference Board's Consumer Confidence Index remained at historically strong levels in December, suggesting economic growth will continue in 2018. T
- The National Association of Manufacturers' Outlook Index had the highest annual average in its history and reached a record high in fourth quarter 2017.
  - More than half of manufacturers said they would expand their businesses, hire more American workers, and buy more equipment due to tax reform.
- According to the fourth quarter CNBC All-America Economic Survey, more than half of Americans rated the economy as good or excellent for the first time in at least 11 years.
- Nearly 1.4 million Americans have dropped off the food stamp rolls since January 2017.
- Signed an Executive Order making it easier for businesses to start and expand apprenticeship programs.
  - A Department of Labor study concluded \$60,000 was the average salary of certified apprenticeship programs compared to a starting salary of under \$50,000 for a college graduate.
  - 87 percent of apprentices are employed upon completion of a program.

#### **Eliminating Job Killing Regulations & Wasteful Spending**

- President Trump's Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Action has exceeded the 2:1 mandate, issuing 22 deregulatory actions for every one new regulatory action.
  - Federal agencies achieved \$8.1 billion in lifetime net regulatory cost savings, the equivalent of \$570 million per year.
- Simply cutting red tape and putting Obama-era regulations on hold have already saved \$378 million since President Trump took office, and that savings is expected to jump into the billions next year when the administration's anti-regulation campaign hits full stride, according to a report from the American Action Forum.
- The President signed an infrastructure Executive Order which will save billions of dollars directly by streamlining and expediting the permitting process for infrastructure projects
  - The EO establishes a two year goal for the federal government to process all of the actions required by federal law for the environmental reviews and permits of major infrastructure projects
- Withdrew from the Paris Accord, which undermined U.S. competitiveness and job creation.
  - According to a study by NERA Consulting, meeting the Obama Administration's requirements in the Paris Accord would cost the U.S. economy nearly \$3 trillion over the next several decades.
  - By 2040, our economy would lose 6.5 million industrial sector jobs – including 3.1 million manufacturing sector jobs.

#### **Unlocking American Energy**

- The Interior Department announce plans to open up 90 percent of America's coastal water to oil drilling, proposing 47 possible auctions of drilling rights in nearly all parts of the U.S. continental shelf.
- The Interior Department announced it would sell leases for nearly 77 million acres starting in March in the Gulf of Mexico for oil and gas drilling, the largest offering ever.
- President Trump has acted aggressively to increase exports of our energy resources to a global market.
  - Updated guidance from the Treasury Department to allow the United States to export coal.
  - Expedited the permitting and approval processes of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminals and exports, including the approval of the Lake Charles LNG terminal in Louisiana.
  - During President Trump's Administration, our allies have continued to receive American LNG exports in order to prevent dependence on single suppliers.
- President Trump has unleashed oil and gas development in the United States by expanding access to resources and the infrastructure needed to get them to market.

- Approved the Keystone XL and Dakota Access pipelines, creating over 42,000 jobs and \$2 billion in earnings.
  - Signed an Executive Order mandating future pipeline work to be done by American workers and with American steel.
- Expedited new pipeline approval and production, including the New Burgos Pipeline to Mexico.
- President Trump signed a bill that eliminated a Dodd-Frank rule that required oil companies like Exxon Mobile to publicly disclose the taxes and fees they pay to foreign governments, which was going to cost the industry as much as \$385 million annually.
- The EPA has filed a proposal to repeal the Clean Power Plan to facilitate the development of U.S. energy resources and reduce unnecessary regulatory burden on the energy sector.
  - The Clean Power Plan is estimated to cost oil and natural gas operators as much as \$530 million annually.
- President Trump, in keeping his campaign promise to coal miners, rolled back the previous administration's "Stream Protection Rule," which had saddled the coal industry with estimated costs of at least \$81 million a year.

#### **Pursuing Fair and Reciprocal Trade Deals**

- President Trump announced that he intends to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) to better reflect our modern economy while benefitting all parties so involved.
- One of President Trump's first actions was to withdraw from the Trans-Pacific Partnership, fixing the Obama Administration's failed attempts protect American workers.
- The President began the process of renegotiating the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement.
- As of December 31, 2017, the trump administration has conducted 82 major actions protecting U.S. trade by initiating 82 antidumping and countervailing duty investigations, an increase of 58 percent over the previous year.
  - The Department of Commerce announced the first self-initiated antidumping and countervailing duty investigation since 1991 targeting Chinese common alloy aluminum sheet.
  - The President's Commerce Department issued a determination that Canadian companies were dumping and subsidizing softwood lumber into the United States.
- The President signed an order to investigate Chinese theft of U.S. intellectual property:
  - The IP Commission Report estimates that the annual cost to the United States economy from IP theft could be as high as \$600 billion, with China as the major contributor
- Negotiations President Trump started with China on economic cooperation have already produced results for American businesses.
  - For the first time in 14 years, since 2003, American beef imports have returned to China, opening up a \$2.5 billion market to American ranchers and producers.
  - China is welcome to negotiate contracts to import American liquefied natural gas.
- Initiated a probe aimed at determining whether Chinese and other foreign-made steel and aluminum threatens U.S. national security.
  - Chinese exports of steel into the U.S. has captured 26 percent of the market, and Chinese steel imports are up nearly 20 percent over the last year alone.

#### **Transforming the Department of Veterans Affairs**

- Announced plans for the Veterans Affairs administration to shift veterans' electronic medical records to the same system used by the Defense Department, ending a decades old problematic rift in sharing information between the two agencies.
  - Signed Executive Order for veterans to receive other care outside of the Department of Veterans Affairs medical system.

- President Trump issued a new Executive Order requiring the Secretaries of Defense, Homeland Security, and Veterans Affairs to submit a joint plan to provide veterans access to mental health treatment as they transition to civilian life.
- Signed the Veterans Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act to allow senior officials in the VA to fire failing employees and establishes safeguards to protect whistleblower.
  - Under President Trump, the VA has fired 1,298 employees, suspended 425, and demoted 73, as part of President Trump's efforts to restore accountability.
- The VA took steps to increase transparency and accountability by launching an online "Access and Quality Tool," providing veterans with a way to access wait time and quality of care data.
- President Trump signed the Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act after it passed the Senate unanimously earlier in August.
  - The legislation streamlines the lengthy process that veterans undergo when appealing disability benefits claims with the VA.
  - More than 470,000 veterans are waiting decisions regarding their appeals.
- The President signed the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act, another important step in providing our nation's heroes with the support they've earned for risking their lives to ensure the freedoms of all Americans:
  - The Post-9/11 GI Bill provides educational benefits to veterans, service members, and their family members, including tuition, fees, books, housing, and other additional costs.
- President Trump signed the VA Choice and Quality Employment Act of 2017 to authorize \$2.1 billion in additional funds for the Veterans Choice Program (VCP).
  - Veterans become eligible for care under the VCP if: they live more than 40 miles from the closest eligible VA medical facility, wait times that are over 30 days from the clinically indicated date, or they meet other special criteria.
- A new White House VA Hotline to help veterans will be fully staffed by veterans.
- President Trump and Veterans Affairs Secretary Dr. David Shulkin announced three initiatives to expand access to healthcare for veterans using telehealth technology.
  - "Anywhere to Anywhere VA Health Care" allows VA providers to use telehealth technology to serve veterans no matter where the provider or veteran is located.
  - Expand VA Video Connect, an application for mobile phones and computers, that allows veterans and providers to connect by video across the country.
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#### **Giving Americans The Healthcare They Need**

- U.S. Department of Agriculture announced more than \$1 billion would be provided to improve access to health care services for 2.5 million people in rural communities.
- President Trump is mobilizing his entire Administration to address drug addiction and opioid abuse by directing the declaration of a Nationwide Public Health Emergency to address the opioids crisis.
- President Trump signed an Executive order to reform the United States healthcare system to take the first steps to expand choices and alternatives to Obamacare plans and increase competition to bring down costs for consumers.
  - The Secretary of Labor agreed to expand access to Association Health Plans (AHPs), which could potentially allow American employers to form groups across State lines.
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- Operation Cross Country XI was conducted by the FBI to combat human trafficking, rescuing 84 children and arresting 120 human traffickers.
- After violent crime rose in 2016, the Department of Justice is reinvigorating the Project Safe Neighborhoods to provide a framework for violent crime reduction. When first started in 2001, it reduced violent crime by 4.1%.

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  - Reform the asylum system,
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You or others on your team may have received Nic's follow up email below to this morning's phone call with HHS.

The President just concluded his remarks to the March for Life, and I want to thank many of your principals for their post on social media wishing all the best to those taking part in the March. As Nic said below, **we would encourage you to issue statements/post on twitter supporting today's announcements, especially the Administration's action restoring state flexibility to establish reasonable Medicaid provider standards, something I know many states have been or continue to be involved in litigation.**

Please reference the attached documents and let me know if I can provide any guidance.

Thank you!

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**Subject:** President Trump Standing up for the Sanctity of Life

Governor's Staff, Lt. Governor's Staff, and Attorneys' General Staff:

We know your bosses are committed to protecting life and the pro-life cause and will be interested in the President's proclamation for the National Sanctity of Human Life Day and today's announcement to protecting life and conscience rights of Americans.

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### Attachments

- **Fact Sheet** – President Donald J. Trump Standing Up for the Sanctity of Life.
- **Proclamation** – President Donald J. Trump Proclaiming National Sanctity of Human Life Day.
- **Announcements** – The Trump Administration is standing up for life and restoring state flexibility to establish reasonable standards for their Medicaid programs.
  - The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is issuing new guidance to state Medicaid directors restoring state flexibility to decide program standards.
  - The letter issued today rescinds 2016 guidance that specifically restricted states' ability to take certain actions against family-planning providers that offer abortion services.
  - Attached is the press release with further details and the letter sent to Medicaid Directors.

Let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
Nic

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One of the president's initiatives will be "empowering or restoring the use and access of resources" in forestry and mining, said Rebeckah Adcock, a senior adviser in the Agriculture Department who said there has been an "erosion" of local communities' rights to control those natural resources.

"We're releasing that back to them, letting them have the power — the reasonable power — to do the right thing, but use those resources to their advantage to help build their economies," she said.

The president won rural voters by sizable majorities in 2016 — he defeated Hillary Clinton by an almost two-to-one margin in rural and small-town communities — and he is still popular with them. For example, he was cheered for his move to rescind an Obama-era rule that extended federal jurisdiction over small waterways.

Some of his other policy positions, including the threatened withdrawal from the North American Free Trade Agreement and immigration restrictions that could limit the number of migrant laborers for harvesting crops, have met with opposition in the agricultural sector.

Last spring, Mr. Trump signed an executive order establishing the task force to make sure “regulatory burdens do not unnecessarily encumber agricultural production, harm rural communities, constrain economic growth, hamper job creation, or increase the cost of food for Americans and our customers around the world.”

President Obama also promoted plans to expand internet access for rural Americans. The Department of Agriculture, for example, offered millions in incentives in 2016 to rural carriers that invest in bringing broadband in rural areas. At the time, the Federal Communications Commission said 53 percent of rural Americans had no access to high-speed internet.

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Happy Friday, everyone!

For your planning purposes and in case you have not heard, I wanted to let you know that President Trump will address farmers and ranchers from across the country at the American Farm Bureau Federation’s 99th Annual convention in Nashville on Monday afternoon (Jan. 8), marking the first time a U.S. president has addressed this group since 1992.

The President understands that rural communities are the bedrock of the nation and that many have endured economic hardship. These communities are vital in helping make America great again, and to that end, President Trump established a task force charged with identifying ways to help improve life throughout rural America. The President will release the findings of the task force, chaired by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Sonny Perdue, at the convention and will speak about the more than 100 actions—legislative, regulatory, and policy—the federal government must undertake to build a stronger rural America for the generations to come. These findings will include recommendations on rural broadband, affordable housing, access to health care, support for workforce development, technological innovation, and regulatory reforms, amongst others.

I will be in touch early Monday morning to provide you with more background and talking points.

Anything your boss can do to help the White House highlight these important recommendations will be much appreciated on Monday. I’m looking for statements of support, op-eds and/or social media. If your boss is interested in doing interviews with local stations to help echo and support the President’s agricultural rural policy priorities, please let me know and I can connect you with our regional media team.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions before Monday. I hope you have a great weekend.

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Eleven million Americans are uninsured because they or a loved one works for a small business or sole proprietorship that does not offer insurance. The Administration is proposing a fix that would allow more small employers and sole proprietors to band together to provide a small business health plan, otherwise known as an association health plan, or AHP. By banding together into an AHP, employers may reduce administrative costs through economies of scale, bargain for better deals from insurers, and achieve stable risk pools that allow them to save money by self-insuring. These cost savings may make insurance affordable for thousands of small employers and sole proprietors, potentially covering millions of American workers and their families.

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The proposed rule, which applies only to employer-sponsored health insurance, would allow employers to join together as a single group to purchase insurance in the large group market. These improvements stand to open health insurance coverage for millions of Americans and their families by making it more affordable for thousands of small businesses and sole proprietors. By joining together, employers may reduce administrative costs through economies of scale,

strengthen their bargaining position to obtain more favorable deals, enhance their ability to self-insure, and offer a wider array of insurance options.

As proposed, the rule would:

- Allow employers to form a Small Business Health Plan on the basis of geography or industry. A plan could serve employers in a state, city, county, or a multi-state metro area, or it could serve all the businesses in a particular industry nationwide;
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Kimberly Leonard

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Regulations currently stipulate that members have to be in the same industry and that they have to be involved in the day-to-day decisions of a business.

"The goal of the rulemaking is to expand access to affordable health coverage, especially among small employers and self-employed individuals, by removing undue restrictions on the establishment and maintenance of association health plans," according to the proposal.

The Department of Labor is accepting public comments for the next 60 days.

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- Repealed the Obamacare Individual Mandate.
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As I mentioned earlier today, the President directed agencies to reduce regulatory burdens by eliminating two existing regulations for each new one issued. The President just announced that in fact the administration has far exceeded that goal and has issued 22 deregulatory actions for every one new regulation.

It is GOP attorneys general who have been on the front lines of fighting unlawful, overregulations and can really help amplify this accomplishment.

Anything your boss can do to highlight this news today is greatly appreciated. If I can provide anything to you to help, please let me know.

The fact sheet below provides helpful information.

### **PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP IS DELIVERING ON DEREGULATION**

*"We will get rid of the redundancy and duplication that wastes your time and your money."*

*- President Donald J. Trump*

**SURPASSING GOALS FOR FY 2017:** The Trump Administration has far exceeded its promise to eliminate regulations at a 2:1 ratio and impose no lifetime net regulatory costs.

- Agencies have issued 22 deregulatory actions for every one new regulatory action.
  - This 22:1 ratio far exceeds President Trump's promise to eliminate two rules for every one new rule.
  - In total, agencies issued 67 deregulatory actions while imposing only three new regulatory actions.
- Federal agencies achieved \$8.1 billion in lifetime net regulatory cost savings, the equivalent of \$570 million per year.
  - These savings go beyond the Administration's goal of imposing no lifetime net regulatory costs in FY 2017.
  - In contrast, the previous administration imposed between \$5.7 billion and \$15.2 billion in annualized regulatory costs in its final eight months in office.

**EVEN GREATER SAVINGS IN 2018:** The Trump Administration is committed to producing even greater regulatory cost savings in FY 2018.

- Federal agencies are committed to cutting more than \$9.8 billion in lifetime costs for regulations finalized in FY 2018.
  - This \$9.8 billion in savings would amount to \$686.6 million per year.

**REGULATORY PLAN FOR FY 2018:** Today, the Trump Administration is releasing its first full Regulatory Plan and Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions.

- The Regulatory Plan and Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions gives a detailed look at the Administration's plan to continue rolling back regulations.

- Agencies plan on achieving even more regulatory rollbacks in FY 2018 compared with FY 2017, and plan to issue at least three deregulatory actions for every one new regulation.
- In this Administration, agencies have withdrawn or delayed 1,579 planned regulatory actions.
  - 635 regulations were withdrawn.
  - 244 regulations were made inactive.
  - 700 regulations were delayed.
- For the first time, the Federal regulatory database will identify whether regulations are anticipated to be net regulatory or deregulatory.
- Reginfo.gov will now provide a list of inactive regulatory actions, not released in previous administrations.

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Good morning!

A heads up on a Presidential announcement coming later today on the deregulation front that I'm sure your boss will want to highlight considering their leadership on this very important issue.

Within 10 days of taking office, President Trump issued Executive Order 13771, which directs agencies to reduce regulatory burdens by eliminating two existing regulations for each new one issued. Many attorneys general signed an amicus brief back in May in District Court for the District of Columbia supporting the administration's position. This brief was led by Attorneys General Brad Schimel and Patrick Morrisey.

The President will speak today at 2:30 p.m. ET and discuss that in only its first 10 months, the administration has far exceeded its promise to eliminate two existing regulations for each new one. The President will reveal in the speech the exact number of regulations cut and the savings.

As you all plan how you want to amplify this important victory today, you may want to review an article in the [Washington Examiner](#) this morning and the below op-ed from Neomi Rao, head of the Office of Regulatory Affairs.

## The Trump Regulatory Game Plan

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By comparison, in his final eight months, President Obama saddled the economy with as much as \$15.2 billion in regulatory costs, while hiding from the public a needlessly "secret" list of more than 600 regulations. Reversing this trend sends a clear message to families and businesses: It's OK to plan for the future without the looming threat of red tape.

On Thursday OIRA will publish the administration's first Regulatory Plan and Agenda, which covers all federal agencies for fiscal year 2018. The plan calls for the administration to drive already substantial reductions in regulatory costs even further. This is a fundamental shift from the policies of the past.

Some regulations legitimately address important health, safety and welfare priorities identified by Congress. The Trump administration respects the rule of law and will not roll back effective, legally required regulations. But in the previous administration, agencies frequently exceeded their legal authority when imposing costly rules. Some agencies announced important policy changes without following the formal rule-making process.

Agencies are now expected to regulate only when explicitly authorized by law—and to follow the proper procedures. The same standards now apply to regulatory and deregulatory actions. If the government exercises its regulatory power, it should do so with fair notice and due process, and only upon a conclusion that the regulation is necessary and that the benefits of the regulation justify its costs.

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The Trump administration remains confident in markets and the American people's ability to make responsible choices. Our agenda for the coming year reflects that spirit and commits to a regulatory policy that actually works.

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**Sent:** Thursday, December 14, 2017 1:11 PM  
**To:** Deere, Judd P. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** RE: Major announcement on deregulation coming today

As I mentioned earlier today, the President directed agencies to reduce regulatory burdens by eliminating two existing regulations for each new one issued. The President just announced that in fact the administration has far exceeded that goal and has issued 22 deregulatory actions for every one new regulation.

It is GOP attorneys general who have been on the front lines of fighting unlawful, overregulations and can really help amplify this accomplishment.

Anything your boss can do to highlight this news today is greatly appreciated. If I can provide anything to you to help, please let me know.

The fact sheet below provides helpful information.

**PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP IS DELIVERING ON DEREGULATION**  
*"We will get rid of the redundancy and duplication that wastes your time and your money."  
– President Donald J. Trump*

**SURPASSING GOALS FOR FY 2017:** The Trump Administration has far exceeded its promise to eliminate regulations at a 2:1 ratio and impose no lifetime net regulatory costs.

- Agencies have issued 22 deregulatory actions for every one new regulatory action.
  - This 22:1 ratio far exceeds President Trump's promise to eliminate two rules for every one new rule.
  - In total, agencies issued 67 deregulatory actions while imposing only three new regulatory actions.
- Federal agencies achieved \$8.1 billion in lifetime net regulatory cost savings, the equivalent of \$570 million per year.
  - These savings go beyond the Administration's goal of imposing no lifetime net regulatory costs in FY 2017.
  - In contrast, the previous administration imposed between \$5.7 billion and \$15.2 billion in annualized regulatory costs in its final eight months in office.

**EVEN GREATER SAVINGS IN 2018:** The Trump Administration is committed to producing even greater regulatory cost savings in FY 2018.

- Federal agencies are committed to cutting more than \$9.8 billion in lifetime costs for regulations finalized in FY 2018.
  - This \$9.8 billion in savings would amount to \$686.6 million per year.

**REGULATORY PLAN FOR FY 2018:** Today, the Trump Administration is releasing its first full Regulatory Plan and Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions.

- The Regulatory Plan and Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions gives a detailed look at the Administration's plan to continue rolling back regulations.

- Agencies plan on achieving even more regulatory rollbacks in FY 2018 compared with FY 2017, and plan to issue at least three deregulatory actions for every one new regulation.
- In this Administration, agencies have withdrawn or delayed 1,579 planned regulatory actions.
  - 635 regulations were withdrawn.
  - 244 regulations were made inactive.
  - 700 regulations were delayed.
- For the first time, the Federal regulatory database will identify whether regulations are anticipated to be net regulatory or deregulatory.
- Reginfo.gov will now provide a list of inactive regulatory actions, not released in previous administrations.

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**Sent:** Thursday, December 14, 2017 10:32 AM

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**Subject:** Major announcement on deregulation coming today

Good morning!

A heads up on a Presidential announcement coming later today on the deregulation front that I'm sure your boss will want to highlight considering their leadership on this very important issue.

Within 10 days of taking office, President Trump issued Executive Order 13771, which directs agencies to reduce regulatory burdens by eliminating two existing regulations for each new one issued. Many attorneys general signed an amicus brief back in May in District Court for the District of Columbia supporting the administration's position. This brief was led by Attorneys General Brad Schimel and Patrick Morrisey.

**The President will speak today at 2:30 p.m. ET and discuss that in only its first 10 months, the administration has far exceeded its promise to eliminate two existing regulations for each new one. The President will reveal in the speech the exact number of regulations cut and the savings.**

As you all plan how you want to amplify this important victory today, you may want to review an article in the [Washington Examiner](#) this morning and the below op-ed from Neomi Rao, head of the Office of Regulatory Affairs.

## The Trump Regulatory Game Plan

Within 10 days of taking office, President Trump issued Executive Order 13771, which directs agencies to reduce regulatory burdens by eliminating two existing regulations for each new one issued. This announcement was met with a healthy dose of skepticism, as the steady expansion of the regulatory state traditionally has been a bipartisan affair. No longer.

This week, the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs released a status report on agencies' progress on regulations. In only its first 10 months, the Trump administration has far exceeded its promise to eliminate two existing regulations for each new one—an unprecedented advance against the regulatory state.

By comparison, in his final eight months, President Obama saddled the economy with as much as \$15.2 billion in regulatory costs, while hiding from the public a needlessly "secret" list of more than 600 regulations. Reversing this trend sends a clear message to families and businesses: It's OK to plan for the future without the looming threat of red tape.

On Thursday OIRA will publish the administration's first Regulatory Plan and Agenda, which covers all federal agencies for fiscal year 2018. The plan calls for the administration to drive already substantial reductions in regulatory costs even further. This is a fundamental shift from the policies of the past.

Some regulations legitimately address important health, safety and welfare priorities identified by Congress. The Trump administration respects the rule of law and will not roll back effective, legally required regulations. But in the previous administration, agencies frequently exceeded their legal authority when imposing costly rules. Some agencies announced important policy changes without following the formal rule-making process.

Agencies are now expected to regulate only when explicitly authorized by law—and to follow the proper procedures. The same standards now apply to regulatory and deregulatory actions. If the government exercises its regulatory power, it should do so with fair notice and due process, and only upon a conclusion that the regulation is necessary and that the benefits of the regulation justify its costs.

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I am sending a quick note to introduce myself as the new Director of State Communications at the White House. I have only been on staff since Monday, but I have hit the ground running as the President and the entire administration work to finish out the year strong.

There is a lot that has been accomplished in 2017, but there is much more to do as we move into 2018 and more importantly, critical areas where we can work together for the benefit of all Americans. I have a great deal of experience in state government having spent the last three years as the Director of Communications for the Arkansas Attorney General. I am confident that the knowledge I have acquired over those years will only help me get you the things you need that will be most helpful to you and your boss.

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October 31, 2018

**President Donald J. Trump Approves Montana Disaster Declaration**

Today, President Donald J. Trump declared that a major disaster exists in the State of Montana and ordered Federal assistance to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by flooding from May 1 to June 10, 2018.

Federal funding is available to State, tribal, and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by the flooding in the counties of Carbon, Custer, Golden Valley, Lewis and Clark, Missoula, Musselshell, Park, Powell, and Treasure.

Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures in all areas within the State.

Brock Long, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Homeland Security, named James R. Stephenson as the Federal Coordinating Officer for Federal recovery operations in the affected areas.

Additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the State and warranted by the results of further damage assessments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION MEDIA SHOULD CONTACT: FEMA NEWS DESK AT

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**Subject:** Press Gaggle by Press Secretary Sarah Sanders Aboard Air Force One | En Route Washington, D.C.



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October 30, 2018

PRESS GAGGLE  
BY PRESS SECRETARY SARAH SANDERS

Aboard Air Force One  
En Route Washington, D.C.

7:47 P.M. EDT

MS. SANDERS: It's on the record, but don't use the audio, and not on camera. It's not for broadcast. I'm -- just because my notes are a little rough here, I just wanted to get you guys something before we got in. I'll go through each stop.

So in the synagogue, the President met with Rabbi Myers. They light the Yahrzeit candles. Eleven -- one for each of the individuals. The rabbi walked through the history of the church, and walked the President and the First Lady through a lot of the detail of what happened on the day. He talked about the bravery -- the rabbi talked a lot about the bravery of the law enforcement.

The President was incredibly impressed by the rabbi -- absolutely incredible man. The President was very moved by the visit and the time with the rabbi. He called it "very humbling and very sad."

The second stop, he was at the hospital. In the first room that he came to, he met with the three members of the law enforcement who had been discharged, and a number of the members of the medical staff, the doctors, and nurses who treated the individuals as they came in -- the list that you guys have. And their families were there as well.

From there, he went to the ICU to one of the first responders who had been shot seven times. He was there with his family.

Q What's his name?

MS. SANDERS: I'll send you the name in just a second. I just have these notes.

The President was incredibly moved by the man in ICU, and also how supportive all of the law enforcement members were of one another.

From there, he moved on and spent about an hour with the widow of Dr. Richard Gottfried. I believe her name is Peg Gottfried, but I'll double check and make sure I have that correct, and send you the actual spellings on both of those names. She said that she wanted to meet the President to let him know that people wanted him there. And again, he spent about an hour talking with her.

And Congressman Rothfus -- Keith Rothfus -- was there with

him. Said he was -- the President was very impressed by the compassion that the congressman showed.

He said it was a great honor to be in Pittsburgh with the First Lady, to be with such incredible people who had shown such bravery.

Q Did they end up saying the prayer that you had mentioned before?

MS. SANDERS: I'll get the specifics on that. I know they did say a prayer while they were there.

Q So the only family member he met with was this widow of Dr. Gottfried?

MS. SANDERS: She was the one -- the only one there at the hospital.

Q At the top, you -- what were the candles called? I'm sorry.

MS. SANDERS: I'll send you the exact spelling. I was going to say --

Q Y-A-H-R-Z-E-I-T

Q Thank you.

MS. SANDERS: I wrote it out phonetically. And again, I'll send you the spelling of the names.

Q The stones are from the White House, you said earlier? Where are they from in the White House or --

MS. SANDERS: I know they were from one of the White House gardens.

Q And were the flowers also from the White House, or were they like from a florist? Do you know?

MS. SANDERS: They were from the White House.

Q So you'll get back to us with the --

MS. SANDERS: I'll send you the spellings of all the names.

Q -- the spellings, and what prayer they said at the (inaudible).

MS. SANDERS: Yeah.

Q And he described it as a "very humbling" --

MS. SANDERS: "Very sad and very moving."

Q Can you discuss a little bit the planning that went into this? We saw Jason Greenblatt and Avi Berkowitz are here, and they got here Sunday. What has been sort of the White House outreach over the last 72 -- what has been the White House outreach over the last 72 hours to the families?

MS. SANDERS: Primarily, it has been coordinated through the rabbi, and worked mostly through him to sort of determine the plan of the day.

Q Can you say why the President wanted to come on this particular day, given that he was asked to wait by some of the local officials and some of the --

MS. SANDERS: He was also asked to come by some. Look, the President wanted to show his respect on behalf of the entire country. And to represent the country in this moment. And be there to show our support.

Q At the vestibule where the President was, was there any evidence of the shooting or anything that the President saw --

MS. SANDERS: I'm not aware of that detail.

Q Did he have any response to being --

MS. SANDERS: I know that a lot of the FBI members that are here on site leading the investigation met them there, and he shook hands with those that were investigating as he went into the area.

Q Did he? Okay.

MS. SANDERS: If I have anything else, I'll let you guys know.

Q Sarah, was the President familiar with the biographies of all the people that were killed?

MS. SANDERS: I know he got an update on the individuals. I don't know how much depth, but I know the rabbi talked a lot about the individuals in the time that they spent together and walked through the events of the day in their time both in the vestibule and outside.

Q Did you get any sort of readout of the time that he spent with the widow? Was it mostly -- did they talk about the actual event? Did they talk about her husband?

MS. SANDERS: Beyond what I said, I don't have anything else at this point.

Q Is there a reason we haven't heard from the President directly today, in terms of delivering a message combating anti-Semitism or hate or any other acts of violence like this?

MS. SANDERS: Look, the President has been very clear on that and spoken on it a number of times. He wanted today to be about showing respect for the families and the friends of the victims, as well as for Jewish Americans.

All right. If I have anything else, I send you -- and I'll send you the details of the prayer and the names. Thanks.

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7:53 P.M. EDT

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**Subject:** Guidance for President Donald J. Trump's Air Force One Arrival | Indianapolis, Indiana



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October 30, 2018

**Guidance for President Donald J. Trump's Air Force One Arrival**  
**Indianapolis, Indiana**  
**Friday, November 2, 2018**

**Where:** International Airport Terminal

6921 Pierson Drive

Indianapolis, IN 46241

**When:** Friday, November 2, 2018 at 6:30 PM EDT

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**Subject:** President Donald J. Trump Announces Intent to Appoint Individuals to Key Administration Posts



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**President Donald J. Trump Announces Intent to Appoint Individuals to Key  
Administration Posts**

President Donald J. Trump today announced his intent to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations for terms of four years:

- C. Fred Bergsten of Virginia (Peterson Institute of World Economics)
- Evan G. Greenberg of New York (Chubb Group)
- James P. Hoffa of Michigan (International Brotherhood of Teamsters)
- Harold McGraw III of Connecticut
- Timothy P. Smucker of Ohio

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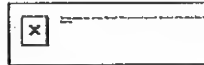
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**DAILY GUIDANCE AND PRESS SCHEDULE FOR  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2018**

**In-Town Pool**

Wires: AP, Reuters, Bloomberg  
Wire Photos: AP, Reuters, AFP, NYT  
TV Corr & Crew: ABC  
Print: NY Post  
Radio: NPR

**Out-of-Town Travel Pool**

Wires: AP, Reuters, Bloomberg  
Wire Photos: AP, Reuters, AFP, NYT  
TV Corr & Crew: ABC  
Print: Washington Times  
Radio: NPR

**EDT**

9:00AM

In-Town Pool Call Time

3:00PM Out-of-Town Travel Pool Call Time

11:30AM **THE PRESIDENT** receives his intelligence briefing

*Oval Office*

*Closed Press*

1:30PM **THE PRESIDENT** meets with the Secretary of the Treasury

*Oval Office*

*Closed Press*

2:30PM **THE PRESIDENT** attends the Our Pledge to America's Workers  
event

*State Dining Room*

*In-House Pool*

3:40PM **THE PRESIDENT** departs the White House en route to Joint Base  
Andrews

*South Lawn*

*Open Press*

3:50PM **THE PRESIDENT** arrives at Joint Base Andrews

*Joint Base Andrews*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**4:00PM**                    **THE PRESIDENT** departs Washington, D.C., en route to Fort Myers, FL

*Joint Base Andrews*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**6:15PM**                    **THE PRESIDENT** arrives at Southwest Florida International Airport

*Fort Myers, FL*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**6:25PM**                    **THE PRESIDENT** departs Fort Myers, FL, en route to Estero, FL

*Fort Myers, FL*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**6:40PM**                    **THE PRESIDENT** arrives at Hertz Arena

*Estero, FL*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**7:00PM**                    **THE PRESIDENT** delivers remarks at a Make America Great Again

**Rally**

*Estero, FL*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**8:15PM                    THE PRESIDENT departs Estero, FL, en route to Fort Myers, FL**

*Estero, FL*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**8:30PM                    THE PRESIDENT arrives at Southwest Florida International Airport**

*Fort Myers, FL*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**8:40PM                    THE PRESIDENT departs Fort Myers, FL, en route to Washington,  
D.C.**

*Fort Myers, FL*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**10:45PM                   THE PRESIDENT arrives at Joint Base Andrews**

*Joint Base Andrews*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**10:55PM**

**House**

**THE PRESIDENT** departs Joint Base Andrews en route to the White

*Joint Base Andrews*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**11:05PM**

**THE PRESIDENT** arrives at the White House

*South Lawn*

*Open Press*

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October 17, 2018

**PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP PROPELS AN ECONOMIC RESURGENCE**

*President Trump's policies are driving an economic resurgence that is bringing back American manufacturing and boosting economic opportunity for American workers.*

**WASHINGTON EXAMINER: Trump Smashes Regs, Cuts \$33 Billion vs. \$245 Billion Added by Obama**

"President Trump's promise to cut Obama-era regulations has gone into overdrive, with the slashing generating \$33 billion in savings, far more than expected. A new report from the White House budget office said that \$23 billion in savings has occurred this year alone, with the total at \$33 billion since the president took office."

**THE WALL STREET JOURNAL: U.S. Manufacturing Capacity Increases for 16th Month in a Row**

"U.S. manufacturers increased their capacity for the 16th straight month in September, fresh evidence that a strengthening economy is helping to propel a U.S. industrial rebound. The Trump Administration has prioritized increasing manufacturing investment in the U.S. with tax cuts and tariffs on a range of imported goods."

**REUTERS: U.S. Steel Workers Set to Get Biggest Pay Raise in Years - Sources**

"United States Steel Corp (X.N) workers are set to get the biggest wage jump in at least six years under a new deal negotiated with the company, providing early signs that gains from U.S. President Donald Trump's clampdown on foreign imports are finally trickling down."

**MARKETWATCH: Empire State Index Points to Strong Manufacturing Activity in October**

"The Empire State manufacturing index rose 2.1 points to 21.1 in October, the New York Fed said Monday. Economists had expected a reading of 20, according to a survey by Econoday. Any reading above zero indicates improving conditions."

**REUTERS: U.S. Job Openings Hit Record High of 7.14 Million**

"U.S. job openings jumped to a record high in August, far outpacing a rise in hiring, suggesting that companies could be increasingly having difficulties finding qualified workers. The Labor Department said in its monthly Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey, or JOLTS, report on Tuesday that there were 7.14 million unfilled positions in the economy in August. That was the highest level since the series started in 2000 and compared to 7.08 million vacancies in July."

**INVESTOR'S BUSINESS DAILY EDITORIAL BOARD: U.S. Job Boom Got Its JOLT From**

## Trumponomics

"How extraordinary is this job boom? The government says that the number of jobs available has never been higher. There were 7.14 million jobs in August ready to be filled, an increase from July's 7.1 million, which was also a record. This is the best time in decades to be seeking a job, even if you're unemployed."

### **HERITAGE FOUNDATION'S STEPHEN MOORE IN THE WASHINGTON TIMES: Trump's North American trade triumph**

"USCMA means that free trade is alive and well across the borders of North America. Congratulations to Donald Trump and his trade team for delivering an agreement that will promote prosperity across all three nations."

### **TEXAS PUBLIC POLICY FOUNDATION'S CHUCK DEVORE IN FORBES: The Trump Manufacturing Jobs Boom: 10 Times Obama's Over 21 Months**

"Comparing the last 21 months of the Obama administration with the first 21 months of Trump's, shows that under Trump's watch, more than 10 times the number of manufacturing jobs were added."

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October 17, 2018

**PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP IS FOLLOWING THROUGH ON HIS PROMISE TO CUT  
BURDENSOME RED TAPE AND UNLEASH THE AMERICAN ECONOMY**

*"An ever-growing maze of regulations, rules, restrictions has cost our country trillions and trillions of dollars, millions of jobs, countless American factories, and devastated many industries." – President Donald J. Trump*

**ENDING OVERREGULATION:** President Donald J. Trump is delivering on his promise to get rid of unnecessary, outdated, and duplicative regulations.

- The Trump Administration is releasing findings that show the President's regulatory reform efforts saved American families and business owners \$23 billion in fiscal year (FY) 2018.
  - This progress builds on the Administration's significant regulatory reforms in FY 2017.
- President Trump's historic regulatory reform is a complete change in direction, with Americans actually seeing an overall decrease in regulatory burdens.
- The Administration issued 176 deregulatory actions last year, eliminating 12 regulations for every new one according to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs.
  - The President has again exceeded his pledge to cut two regulations across the year for every new one.
- Since taking office, President Trump's efforts have achieved \$33 billion in regulatory savings.
  - In a stark contrast, President Obama imposed \$245 billion in burdensome regulatory costs on the American people in his first 21 months in office.
- Businesses are finally being freed of Washington's overreach and the American economy is flourishing as a result.

**REAL RESULTS:** President Trump's efforts to cut burdensome and unnecessary red tape are bringing real change and delivering real results for Americans.

- The Department of Labor made it easier for small businesses to provide better health insurance to their employees through association health plans.
- The Department of Veterans Affairs greatly expanded veterans' ability to use telehealth services, giving them access to state-of-the-art healthcare everywhere.
- The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has taken action to free our fishermen from burdensome red tape while also promoting responsible fishing practices.
  - For instance, areas off the coast of New England have been opened to commercial sea scallop harvesting for the first time in years, netting an economic benefit of \$654 million.
- The Department of Health and Human Services reduced paperwork for nursing facilities, inpatient

hospitals, and home health providers, saving \$8.2 billion in regulatory costs.

**DEREGULATION WILL CONTINUE:** The Trump Administration will continue its bold reforms to roll back burdensome red tape in FY 2019.

- President Trump's regulatory reform efforts are accelerating, and we will continue to take a responsible approach to addressing overly burdensome regulations in FY 2019.
- The Department of Transportation and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have proposed amendments to existing Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards.
  - These amendments could save up to \$340 billion over the lifetime of new vehicles.
- The EPA and Army Corps of Engineers have proposed new rulemakings that would reassess the Obama Administration's burdensome "Waters of the United States" rule.
- The EPA has proposed the Affordable Clean Energy rule, which would replace the 2015 Clean Power Plan (CPP).
  - In some scenarios, avoided compliances costs total \$6.4 billion compared to the CPP.

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TEXT OF A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT  
TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

October 17, 2018

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days before the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, is to continue in effect beyond October 21, 2018.

The circumstances that led to the declaration on October 21, 1995, of a national emergency continue to exist. The actions of significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States and cause an extreme level of violence, corruption, and harm in the United States and abroad. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12978 with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia.

Sincerely,

DONALD J. TRUMP

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**Subject:** Statement from the Press Secretary

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**Statement from the Press Secretary**

President Donald J. Trump received a report from the Department of State pursuant to the August 23, 2018, Presidential Memorandum on "Modernizing the Monetary Reimbursement Model for the Delivery of Goods Through the International Postal System and Enhancing the Security and Safety of International Mail." The report noted that sufficient progress has not been made on reforming terms of the Acts of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in line with the policies of the United States outlined in the Memorandum. The report also recommended steps the United States can take to address the problems identified in the Memorandum.

The President concurs with the Department of State's recommendation to adopt self-declared rates for terminal dues as soon as practical, and no later than January 1, 2020. The Department of State will also file notice that the United States will withdraw from the UPU. This will begin a one-year withdrawal process, as set forth in the UPU Constitution. During this period, the Department of State will seek to negotiate bilateral and multilateral agreements that resolve the problems discussed in the Presidential Memorandum. If negotiations are successful, the Administration is prepared to rescind the notice of withdrawal and remain in the UPU.

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**REUTERS: "U.S. REGAINS CROWN AS MOST COMPETITIVE ECONOMY FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 2008: WEF"**

*"The U.S. economy sits atop of the World Economic Forum's annual global competitiveness survey for the first time since the 2007-2009 financial crisis..."*

**U.S. regains crown as most competitive economy for first time since 2008: WEF**  
By Katanga Johnson  
Reuters  
October 16, 2018

The U.S. economy sits atop of the World Economic Forum's annual global competitiveness survey for the first time since the 2007-2009 financial crisis, benefiting from a new ranking methodology this year, the Swiss body said on Tuesday.

In its closely-watched annual Global Competitiveness Report, the WEF said the U.S. is the country closest to the "frontier of competitiveness," an indicator that ranks competitive productivity using a scale from zero to 100.

The U.S. beat off Singapore, Germany, Switzerland and Japan, the other top four markets, with a score of 85.6 out of 100, the report said, due to its "vibrant" entrepreneurial culture and "strong" labor market and financial system.

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The last time the U.S. topped the list was 2008.

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**Background Briefing by Senior Administration Officials on the Universal Postal Union**

Today, senior Administration officials will hold a background briefing call on the Universal Postal Union. The briefing will be conducted via conference call at 9:45 AM EDT, and the information will be embargoed until the conclusion of the call. Please find the dial-in information below. The number of lines are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis, so please limit to one per outlet.

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**DAILY GUIDANCE AND PRESS SCHEDULE FOR  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2018**

**In-Town Pool**

Wires: AP, Reuters, Bloomberg  
Wire Photos: AP, Reuters, AFP, NYT  
TV Corr & Crew: CBS  
Print: CS Monitor  
Radio: CBS

**EDT**

**9:00AM**                      **In-Town Pool Call Time**

**11:00AM**                      **THE PRESIDENT meets with workers on "Cutting the Red Tape, Unleashing Economic Freedom"**

*Oval Office*

*In-House Pool Spray*

**11:30AM**                      **THE PRESIDENT hosts a Cabinet meeting**

*Cabinet Room*

*In-House Pool Spray*

**4:00PM**                      **THE PRESIDENT presents the Medal of Honor**

*East Room*

*Pre-credentialed Media (Pre-set: 1:15PM | Final Gather: 3:30PM)*

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October 16, 2018

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

**SUBJECT:** Delegation of Authority under Section 1604(b) of  
the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization  
Act for Fiscal Year 2019

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby delegate to the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Commerce the authority to transmit to the Congress the plan required by section 1604(b) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115-232).

The delegation in this memorandum shall apply to any provision of any future public law that is the same or substantially the same as the provision referenced in this memorandum.

The Secretary of Defense is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

DONALD J. TRUMP

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**Subject:** President Donald J. Trump Signs H.R. 4921 into Law

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On Tuesday, October 16, 2018, the President signed into law:

H.R. 4921, the "STB Information Security Improvement Act," which requires the Surface Transportation Board to implement certain recommendations of the Inspector General of the Department of Transportation.

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**To:** Anderson, Ryan  
**Subject:** President Trump Announces Presidential Delegation to Australia to attend the Invictus Games Sydney 2018

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**President Trump Announces Presidential Delegation to Australia to attend the Invictus Games Sydney 2018**

President Donald J. Trump today announced the designation of a Presidential Delegation to Australia to attend the Invictus Games Sydney 2018.

The Honorable Mark T. Esper, Secretary of the United States Army, will lead the delegation.

**Members of the Presidential Delegation:**

General Paul Selva, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Mr. James Carouso, Chargé d'Affaires ad interim, United States Embassy Canberra

Ms. Jacquelyn Hayes-Byrd, Acting Assistant Secretary for Human Resources and Administration,  
Department of Veterans Affairs

Ms. Jane Horton, Senior Advisor, Department of Defense

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**To:** Anderson, Ryan  
**Subject:** CMS Administrator Seema Verma: "Signs of Stability in Individual Health Care Market"

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**CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR SEEMA VERMA:  
"SIGNS OF STABILITY IN INDIVIDUAL HEALTH CARE MARKET"**

*"The Trump administration inherited this market chaos and, once President Trump took office, he acted immediately to help people harmed by ObamaCare."*

**Signs of stability in individual health care market**

By Administrator Seema Verma

Fox News

October 15, 2018

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The Trump administration inherited this market chaos and, once President Trump took office, he acted immediately to help people harmed by ObamaCare. The results of his immediate action are already showing, as the administration has expanded affordable coverage options and restored the freedom for people to finance their health care as they wish. Moreover, the individual health insurance market has gone from free fall to one that offers wider choice and is more stable.

Despite the very public promises made at the time ObamaCare was passed, an estimated 4.7 million Americans weren't able to keep their plans. Fewer choices and skyrocketing costs led many middle class consumers to drop out of the market entirely, driving premiums up for those who remained.

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Fortunately, these chaotic trends are now turning. For the first time since ObamaCare was enacted, the premium for a typical federal exchange plan – while still much too high – will drop. In the 39 states using the federal exchange, insurers have proposed cutting premiums for these benchmark plans by an average of 1.5 percent. This is a dramatic departure from the double digit rate increases so common in recent years.

And, in some cases, the decline in premiums is significant. In Tennessee, for example, the average benchmark plan premium is expected to plummet by 26 percent. Pennsylvanians will also experience an average premium decrease of 16 percent.

In addition, there is an increase of 23 more insurers participating in federal exchanges, which is an increase for the first time since 2015. As a result, in areas covered by the Federal Exchanges, the proportion of counties with just a single insurer will drop from 56 percent to 39 percent, allowing consumers greater choice between plans.

These improving market trends are no accident. Contrary to naysayers who claim the Trump

administration is bent on sabotaging the market, we've helped millions of American families and thousands of small businesses through several key actions.

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**Background Briefing by Senior Administration Officials on the 2018 Fall Unified Agenda**

Today, senior Administration officials will hold a background briefing call on the Fiscal Year 2018 Fall Unified Agenda. The briefing will be conducted via conference call at 5:00PM EDT, and the information will be embargoed until 8:00PM EDT. Please find the dial-in information below. The number of lines are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis, so please limit to one per outlet.

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**To:** Anderson, Ryan  
**Subject:** CNBC: "Job Openings Hit Record 7.136 Million in August"

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**CNBC: "JOB OPENINGS HIT RECORD 7.136 MILLION IN AUGUST"**

*"Openings dwarfed the total level of workers looking for jobs, which stood at 6.23 million for that month and fell to 5.96 million in September, recent Labor Department statistics show."*

**Job openings hit record 7.136 million in August**

By Jeff Cox

CNBC

October 16, 2018

Job openings hit a fresh record in August, indicating companies could face more inflationary pressures ahead with a tight labor market.

The vacancies level hit 7.14 million for the month, according to the Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey, a report Federal Reserve officials watch closely for clues about where employment stands.

The total number of hires also reached a new record of 5.78 million.

Openings dwarfed the total level of workers looking for jobs, which stood at 6.23 million for that month and fell to 5.96 million in September, recent Labor Department statistics show.

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Workers continued to show confidence in the jobs market, evidenced by a quits rate that edged just a shade lower from July to 3.58 million.

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**To:** Anderson, Ryan  
**Subject:** Congressional Democrats Want to Take Away Your Doctor, Outlaw Your Private Insurance, and Put Bureaucrats In Charge of Your Healthcare

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**CONGRESSIONAL DEMOCRATS WANT TO TAKE AWAY YOUR DOCTOR, OUTLAW YOUR PRIVATE INSURANCE, AND PUT BUREAUCRATS IN CHARGE OF YOUR HEALTHCARE**

*"We oppose efforts from Democrats to raid Medicare to fund socialism, robbing seniors of their benefits." – President Donald J. Trump*

**CONGRESSIONAL DEMOCRATS LIED ABOUT YOUR HEALTHCARE BEFORE: Democrats made false promises to sell Americans on Obamacare.**

- Democrats told Americans if "you like your plan, you can keep it."
  - 4.7 million Americans saw their plans canceled in Obamacare's first year.
- Democrats told Americans they could keep their doctor if they liked them.
  - President Obama admitted families would have to "make choices" to keep their doctor.
- President Obama promised families that Obamacare would cut \$2,500 in premiums.
  - Average individual market premiums more than doubled from 2013 to 2017.

**THEY ARE LYING NOW: Just like they did with Obamacare, Democrats will say anything to sell a radical Government takeover of your healthcare that they call "Medicare for All."**

- Democrats like Chuck Schumer are trying to hide that "Medicare for All" would end private insurance, claiming it is "not true."
  - Senator Schumer should read Bernie Sanders' legislation, which states, "It shall be unlawful for— (1) a private health insurer to sell health insurance coverage that duplicates the benefits provided under this Act..."
  - The House Democrats' bill states, "It is unlawful for a private health insurer to sell health insurance coverage that duplicates the benefits provided under this Act."
  - Americans would have no choice in their own insurer and be forced onto Medicare.
- Democrats are claiming seniors would not lose benefits under "Medicare for All."
  - In reality, popular Medicare Advantage plans enjoyed by more than 20 million seniors would be outlawed under the Democrat plan.
- Congressional Democrats are telling American seniors "Medicare for All" is not a threat, yet their radical plan comes with a price tag that would jeopardize seniors' benefits.
  - Their plan rations healthcare with additional and stricter government price controls.
  - Their plan requires large payment cuts to doctors and hospitals, leading to hospital closures, fewer doctors, and less care for seniors.
  - This would not be the first time the Democrats abandoned our seniors, having cut Medicare spending by \$800 billion.

**GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER:** Democrats are proposing radical Government takeover of healthcare that would devastate the future of our country.

- With an obscene \$32 trillion in ten years price tag, even significant tax increases would not pay for the Congressional Democrats' Government healthcare takeover.
- The Democrats' radical Government takeover would destroy America's healthcare system, put Washington bureaucrats in charge, and leave Americans with no real choice in coverage.
  - Quality healthcare will plummet and wait times will skyrocket.
  - Private competition would be eliminated.
  - Medical innovation would be decimated, depriving patients of lifesaving cures.
- In a telling show of his lack of respect for American taxpayers, Senator Schumer did not even deny their plan would use taxpayer money to fund Government healthcare for illegal aliens.

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**To:** Anderson, Ryan  
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**President Donald J. Trump Announces Intent to Nominate Individuals to Key Administration Posts**

President Donald J. Trump today announced his intent to nominate the following individual to a key position in his Administration:

**William I. Althen of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for the remainder of a six-year term expiring August 30, 2024.**

Commissioner Althen was appointed to serve as Commissioner of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission from May 2013 to August 2018. From January 2017 to August 2018, Commissioner Althen was Acting Chairman of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission.

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President Donald J. Trump today announced his intent to nominate the following individuals to be Members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for the remainder of six-year terms expiring January 31, 2022.

- **Bruce M. Ramer of California**
- **Janice Miriam Hellreich of Hawaii**

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**Background Briefing by Senior Administration Officials on Sanctions**

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**To:** Anderson, Ryan  
**Subject:** Guidance for President Donald J. Trump's Air Force One Arrival in Phoenix, Arizona

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Guidance for President Donald J. Trump's Air Force One Arrival  
Phoenix, Arizona  
Thursday, October 18, 2018

**Who:** President Donald J. Trump  
**What:** President Donald J. Trump's Air Force One Arrival  
**Where:** Lincoln J. Ragsdale Executive Terminal  
2908 East Sky Harbor Blvd  
Phoenix, Arizona 85034  
**When:** Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 9:35PM MST (11:35PM EDT)

**Request Media Credentials:**

Please register for credentials [HERE](#) by 5:00PM MST (7:00PM EDT) on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, to request media credentials. Late requests will not be accepted. Once approved, you will receive additional logistics in a separate email. Credentials are non-transferable.

**\*\* For all on site and additional logistical questions, please direct them to Lea Thoele at [Lea.M.Thoele2@who.eop.gov](mailto:Lea.M.Thoele2@who.eop.gov) \*\***

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REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRUMP  
IN BRIEFING ON HURRICANE MICHAEL

Georgia Operations Center for the Red Cross  
Macon, Georgia

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GOVERNOR DEAL: Mr. President and First Lady, we are honored to have you both here in Georgia, and you're going to get a pretty good view, I think, of what the damage and the assessments that have taken place in our state.

We are fortunate that we did not get hit, in some respects, as nearly as hard as Florida did, but we had extensive damage, especially as it relates to our agricultural community. And you're going to have an opportunity to meet with some of those.

I want to commend you for your Secretaries. And we're, of course, pleased to have our own Secretary as a member of your Cabinet, former Governor Sonny Perdue. You know, between the two of us, we have been the chief executives in the state of Georgia for the last 16 years.

THE PRESIDENT: Right. It's true.

GOVERNOR DEAL: We are very pleased to have him, but we're also pleased to have so many contacts that have been made by the members of your Cabinet. They've done an exceptional job.

And, of course, we are glad to have your FEMA Director here, Brock Long. He and I have talked multiple times, and I have appreciated his involvement and concern about our state. And his people are doing a great job working with our locals. And that's an important thing, as

you all know.

I'm going to turn it over to the Administrator right now, for his comments.

ADMINISTRATOR LONG: Thank you, Governor. I really appreciate the partnership. Not only has the Governor been a strong leader, but also Homer Bryson, the Director of Georgia Emergency Management, behind you.

This is all about partnership. Unfortunately, Georgia is no stranger to hurricanes. This is where I started my career. I married a Georgia girl, by the way, too. But the bottom line is, is there was a significant hit coming into southwest Georgia. Category 2 winds. As you can see, the swath is behind us, Mr. President, here. And not only do you see similar damage where trees are down on homes, and there was a tremendous hit to the communications and power infrastructure, but you're going to see generational losses to the agriculture industry as well. The timing of the storm is pretty tough, as Secretary Perdue would tell you.

But our focus is life sustainment, trying to do everything that we can to get access to all the areas to help get the infrastructure -- the private sector partners and our power partners that are represented here with Georgia Power -- trying to get them access to be able to fix the infrastructure to get the power back on. I believe it's up to about 90 percent back on where we are.

MR. BOWERS: Sure is.

ADMINISTRATOR LONG: But we still have a ways to go. Cell communications is coming back online too. But now it's about taking care of people, sir, and making sure that we get them out of shelters and into longer-term housing for those that have lost their homes. Our staff is pushing forward in the field with disaster survivors. And we'll continue to register. We need people to register with 1-800-621-FEMA, or DisasterAssistance.gov in Georgia.

So I'll turn it back over to you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, thank you very much, Brock. I want to just commend you on the job you're doing. We just left Florida, and they are so thrilled with what's happened with our people, our talent. But they're not thrilled about this hurricane, because this was brutal. They haven't seen anything like it. And possibly, there's hasn't been anything like it. The winds are almost 200 miles an hour. Just wiped houses away. The foundations -- everything gone. So we saw some areas that were hard to believe, actually. Actually hard to believe.

But the people are incredible in Florida, in Georgia, in Alabama. And, you know, North Carolina and South Carolina went through a lot two weeks ago, and they got a little bit of the remnants of this

one too, on top of it. So, incredible people.

But I want to thank FEMA. First responders, the law enforcement has been so incredible. Secretary Nielsen, you worked so hard. I don't think -- have you gone to sleep in the last two weeks? I don't think so. (Laughter.) But your whole team has been fantastic. And, Governor, I'd like to thank you on behalf of the country. What a job you've done in Georgia. And I have to say Rick Scott in Florida, likewise. The two of you have really done something.

And I just spoke to the great Governor of Alabama, and she is in there -- she is in there fighting and also doing. We have terrific people running these states. And I want to thank you very much -- really, very much.

And, Brock, please say compliments to everybody, from myself, the First Lady, Secretary Perdue -- who used to be the Governor of Georgia, as we said. But you have been very special. You know more about agriculture than any human being that I've ever spoken to. (Laughter.) And he doesn't like it when the hurricanes wipe out the crops. They just wiped them out. That doesn't make you feel too good; we were talking about it. He doesn't like to see that. But Sonny Perdue has been an incredible Secretary of Agriculture.

And, Sonny, how about saying a little bit?

SECRETARY PERDUE: I want to reiterate what Governor Deal said, President. Your administration is making a reputation for being more connected to your state and local partners than any other administration I can ever remember. Commissioner Black, Governor, I've experienced this well -- all the way from the local community leaders to state legislators to governors, the people you've appointed in your office are reaching out here, making people feel like we have truly one government. And that's -- and that is wonderful to be a part of that. And I want to thank you for allowing us to do that. Because it makes a difference.

When people undergo situations like this -- not even disasters, they're connected -- but when they go through like this, they feel like they've got a lifeline to FEMA, to Secretary Nielsen, to any of your administration, and to you particularly. And we want to say -- I'm glad to be a part of that. And we -- Commissioner Black and I toured some of the ag area yesterday. There are tremendous losses, but our farmers are resilient. We're going to help them, you're going to help them, and they'll be okay.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, let me ask you this, Sonny and Commissioner: When Brock says "generational" damage, I don't like the sound of "generational" damage. What does that mean? And how long does that take to get back?

SECRETARY PERDUE: As we were talking, coming up, on pecan trees

particularly, these trees typically start bearing about seven years after they're planted. And then they don't reach economic profitability until about 10 years. So that's what we're talking about. That's half a generation.

THE PRESIDENT: That's a long time.

SECRETARY PERDUE: These farmers -- many percentages of pecan trees across the country, across the state down in southwest Georgia, were toppled. And those that weren't toppled, the nuts have blown off. So they were looking for bumper crop, the cotton, and pecans, and peanuts. And the devastation there is heartbreaking to hear and to (inaudible). And you'll talk to some farmers later today.

THE PRESIDENT: Good. Very good.

Please.

COMMISSIONER BLACK: Mr. President, thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BLACK: God bless you. And thank you for being here. We lead the nation in peanut production, pecan production, forest product production. We're leaders in vegetable. So that's production. Today we're leading in destruction, unfortunately. We will lead in rebuilding.

THE PRESIDENT: No doubt about it.

COMMISSIONER BLACK: And it's -- I had numbers from the intergovernmental relations from the White House. I had two telephone calls while the wind was still blowing. And I've had good fortune in the last year and a half or so to be in and out in places where folks who do the job I do never had the opportunity. The Governor -- the Secretary used to say with Agriculture -- when he was the governor, and when Governor Deal -- is that we get to come into the front door. Oftentimes, it's been the backdoor. And it's certainly been -- it's not been that way, and we're grateful to you.

And I promise you, we're going to continue to work. We do have an outstanding group of people for you to visit personally with this afternoon.

THE PRESIDENT: I look forward to that. I look forward to seeing some of the farmers. They're great people. And we will do it. And that is true: Jimmy Carter, peanut farmer, and a nice man. He is a nice man. Met him on numerous occasions. And if you think about it, that's what he did, right? Peanuts. So it's great.

Do you have any questions, please?

ADMINISTRATOR LONG: Mr. President, also the American Red Cross, a huge partner as well.

THE PRESIDENT: Good job. I heard -- good job.

ADMINISTRATOR LONG: You know, it takes a whole community to overcome these types of disasters, and so it's not only neighbor helping neighbor all the way to federal government. But if it wasn't for the volunteer organizations active in disaster, these guys do a whole lot to help shelter -- temporary shelter people. And that's what's going on here.

MS. MEWBORN: And we couldn't do it without you, so thank you. We have great partnership.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. And power is coming back pretty quickly, right?

MR. BOWERS: Yes, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: I'm not surprised. I know your company well. I'm not surprised.

Any questions, please?

Q Mr. President, you just left Florida. Are you concerned that there is a possibility that up to 17 F-22 stealth bombers were damaged at Tyndall Air Force Base? Because they weren't taken --

THE PRESIDENT: No, I'm not hearing that. They were under repair. Many of the aircraft were flown out prior to the hurricane, but some of them can't because the engines are taken out and they're doing a lot of heavy repairing work. We're going to have a full report. There was some damage. Not nearly as bad as we first heard.

Q Are you concerned about how much that might cost, though?

THE PRESIDENT: I'm always concerned about cost. I don't like it. In fact, my first question is, "Why didn't they take them out?" That's because they were fixing.

You know, this hurricane happened very quickly. In fact, it was a storm. Nobody thought it was a big deal, and then all of a sudden, it started and then became a Category 4. It happened very quickly.

No, we think it's much better than we originally thought, but there was some damage, no question about it. And the F-22 is one of my all-time favorite planes. To me, it's the most beautiful fighter jet in the world, and one of the best.

Yes, sir.

Q Are you going to ask Congress for supplementary funding --

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah.

Q -- to respond to these hurricanes?

THE PRESIDENT: The governors know that we're there for them. I've spoken with Rick Scott in Florida. Governor, you know that. We're right with you. And we'll be helping Alabama, we'll be helping all of the -- as we have been with North Carolina and South Carolina. So, we're there.

Q Are you worried at all about the deficit -- the new numbers that just came out?

THE PRESIDENT: I always worry about the deficit. But what are you going to do? You have a hurricane. I have to take care of the people. So the deficit is always a problem for me, but we take care of our people, most importantly.

Q Is there a preliminary estimate on how much it's going to cost to help all these people?

THE PRESIDENT: I think, Governor, did you want to make a comment on that? Do you have any ideas yet? It's very early.

GOVERNOR DEAL: Mr. President, it's still too early, unless Brock has some more.

ADMINISTRATOR LONG: So, it will take some time. We do what we call preliminary damage assessments and to get more details, but the true cost won't be revealed for quite some time.

Q Mr. President, when you ran for President, did you ever imagine you would spend this much time thinking about the weather?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, the weather has been a factor. And yet, they say the worst hurricanes were 50 years ago, if you can believe it. In fact, the one that they say was worse -- so two or three worse -- one was in 1890s, and one was exactly 50 years ago. The winds were 200 miles an hour. So who knows? But that's what the -- that's what the numbers are. We are --

Q You addressed climate change --

THE PRESIDENT: I did. I addressed it last night on "60 Minutes."

Q Is there nothing about the number of storms that come in that make you think, "Gee, something is changing"?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, we have a big number. And, you know, for a long period of time, we had very few. I have a home in Palm Beach,

Florida; I'm there a lot. And frankly, we had years where we had none, and then over the last couple of years we had more. And hopefully, we'll go back to many years where we have none. But we have been hit by the weather, there's no question about it.

But it is interesting that the worst of all time, 1890 -- and, as you know, 50 years ago was the last really great one. That was supposed to be worse. I don't know if it gets worse. I've never seen anything where houses were ripped off with the foundations. You see, the foundations are actually taken out. So it's really -- it's pretty amazing. But we have to get it taken care of, most importantly.

Anybody else?

Q Last night, in your comments about climate change, you said that there is something there. And previously, in the past, you've called it a hoax. What changed your mind? Was it because it was like this?

THE PRESIDENT: No, there's something there. There's no question. There is something there -- manmade or not. I mean, there's something there. And it's going to go, and it's going to go back and forth. But there is something there.

But again, 50 years ago, it was brutal. The 1890s were brutal. You have different times. And the main thing is we have to make sure things get brought back to perfect condition. That's what we're doing.

We have tremendous support from the farmers. The farmers really got hurt, especially in Georgia. I mean, Florida was housing and other things. And over here, your farmers we really -- those crops were really uprooted. But we're going to get it taken care of.

Q Mr. President, the latest research from NOAA says that climate change will make the strongest hurricanes even stronger. Do you agree with that assessment?

THE PRESIDENT: I'll have to look at it. I haven't seen that. But I would certainly have to look at it.

Q When you see impacts like this to the U.S., does it affect at all your decision in renegotiating the Paris Climate Accord?

THE PRESIDENT: No, I want crystal clean water. I want the cleanest air on the planet -- which, by the way, now we have. It's gotten better since last year -- even better. And I'm very, very tough on that.

So when you talk about environmental, I am truly an environmentalist. A lot people smile when they hear that. But I have the cleanest air, and I'm going to have the cleanest air. But that

doesn't mean we have to put every one of our businesses out of business. That doesn't mean that we can't compete or we're not allowed to compete with other nations that aren't doing what we're doing.

And we're competing very well. Our nation is the hottest nation economically on the planet, by far, even though we're very big. I mean, we're up \$10.7 [trillion] -- \$11.7 trillion, since I got elected. Nobody thought that would be possible. And other nations -- as an example, China -- not that I wish this, but they're down many trillions of dollars. So we're doing really well, and I want to keep it that way.

Yes, please.

Q Sir, can I ask you an off-topic question? There's been reports that the Saudis might say that Khashoggi was killed during an unauthorized interrogation. Does that sound (inaudible)?

THE PRESIDENT: I just saw that, Steve. I just don't know. I'm going to have to see what they say. And we're working very closely with Saudi Arabia and with Turkey, and they are working together to figure out what happened. And they want to know what happened, also.

So a lot of people are working on it, Steve. A lot of people. And we'll be bound very much by that. We'll see.

I heard that report but nobody knows if it's an official report. So far, it's just the rumor -- the rumor of a report coming out.

Yes, ma'am.

Q What instructions did you give Pompeo -- Secretary Pompeo -- when he was sent over today?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I'm really sending him just to find out really, firsthand, what happened, what they know, what's going on. He may go to Turkey; he may not.

He may meet with all of them together, but we want to find out what happened. And he's got instructions to find out what happened. We're talking about the whole the situation with Saudi Arabia that you've been reading about, I'm sure, very much. But it's a terrible situation, there's no question about it. I don't like it one bit.

Okay? Yes.

Q Has your thinking changed about Secretary Mnuchin going to the conference?

THE PRESIDENT: He's going to make that decision. We're going to see who's going. He's got a while to go. You know, it's Friday. He

has to know by the end of Friday. And we'll make that decision. We haven't made a decision about going yet. But he's going to make that decision sometime prior to Friday.

Q Since we already went off topic, Mr. President, Senator Warren released some of her DNA results that show a strong likelihood that she does have Native American roots.

THE PRESIDENT: How much? One one-thousandth? (Laughter.)

Q Do you owe her an apology? Or what about the money that --

THE PRESIDENT: No, I don't. Absolutely. Do I owe her? She owes the country an apology.

What's her percentage? One one-thousandth?

Q I don't have the exact numbers in front of me.

THE PRESIDENT: When you have the percentage, tell me what the percentage is.

Q What about the money that you told her you would donate?

THE PRESIDENT: You mean if she gets the nomination, in a debate, where I was going to have her tested? I'll only do it if I can test her personally. Okay? That will not be something I enjoy doing either.

Okay, what else?

Q Mr. President, over the weekend, you signaled that you're considering reviving the child separation policy. Have you discussed this with --

THE PRESIDENT: I didn't consider anything. I'm considering changing the immigration laws, and I've been doing it for a while. Because we have the worst -- as the Governor can tell you, as everybody can tell you, as Sonny can tell you from your time as governor -- we have the worst immigration laws and dumbest immigration laws in the history of the world. Okay? There is no country in the world that has such stupid laws as we do.

Somebody comes into our country, they put one foot on our land, and we have to bring them through a long court process. Or we have catch and release, which is even worse. We catch them, Commissioner -- we catch them, we find out they're a criminal, we write them up, and then we release them and we tell them to come back in three or four years for a court case, and they never show up.

We have the dumbest laws in history, and it's because of the Democrats. Because they want to have these laws that way. And it is so crazy, and we are getting them changed one by one. And we are very

tough on the border, and we have to be very tough on the border.

So we're looking at all immigration laws. They are a disaster. They're a laughingstock all over the world. And this country will never be a laughingstock when I'm running it. We've made a lot of progress, too.

Thank you all very much. Thank you.

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REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRUMP  
AND GOVERNOR SCOTT  
AT FEMA AID DISTRIBUTION CENTER

Lynn Haven, Florida

12:58 P.M. CDT

THE PRESIDENT: So these are some of the people that make it work. These are some of the people that make it work, and they have made it work beautifully. You've seen the job they've done. Everybody has been incredible: FEMA and first responders -- everybody. Law enforcement. It's incredible, with the power of this storm.

Somebody said it was like a very wide, but you mean extremely wide, tornado. Because that's really what this was. This was beyond any winds that they've seen. I guess 50 years, but who knows? It could have been longer than that. Nobody has seen anything like this.

So they've done a great job. I want to thank you, man.

GOVERNOR SCOTT: I've had the opportunity every day to talk to the President. And I've talked to Brock a lot. And everything I've asked the President for, FEMA has come through.

We have a lot of work to do. We're still getting water out and getting the food out. Our search and rescue teams have done a great job getting around the state. Highway patrol, our National Guard, everybody who was called up. Four-thousand members of the National Guard, they're working day and night. We've got local law enforcement crews coming to augment our local law enforcement.

We've got a great sheriff here, Tommy Ford. I'm not sure where he is. But we're going to do everything we can to get this community back to work. And I want to thank the President for always taking my call and showing up. And I want to thank the First Lady for being here and showing your support for the people here in Panama City.

THE PRESIDENT: And I just want to say, the Governor of Florida, Rick Scott, has done an unbelievable job. Everybody -- we're meeting hundreds of people, along with you, and they're all talking about the great job the Governor is doing and everybody is doing together.

GOVERNOR SCOTT: Everybody.

THE PRESIDENT: So, Rick, I want to thank you.

GOVERNOR SCOTT: Thank you. It's been great coordination.

THE PRESIDENT: I want to thank you. Thank you all very much.

Q Mr. President, you've seen a lot of hurricanes now. How does this one strike you as similar --

THE PRESIDENT: I've never -- look behind you. I mean, these massive trees are just ripped out of the earth. We've seen mostly water, and water can be very damaging and horrible and scary, you know, when you have -- when you see water rising 14, 15 feet. But nobody has seen anything like this. This is -- this is really incredible.

And the job they've done -- first responders, FEMA -- the job they've done is incredible. This road, five hours ago, you couldn't ride on it. And today -- you see the trees are all pushed. Today we're having not much of a problem. Pretty amazing job.

Q President Trump, what are you going to do to help the people here in Lynn Haven?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, we're going to do a lot. And we're doing a lot for Florida. We're now going to Georgia. Georgia was hit very hard.

But when you look -- and I think the Governor will tell you we're doing a lot. We are doing more than anybody would have ever done -- and probably there hasn't been hits like this, certainly not very often. They say 50 years ago there was one that had this kind of power. Fifty years ago -- that's a long time.

But we're helping the people and we will always help the people. And we're helping your great Governor.

Thank you all.

Q How are you prioritizing providing relief for these victims here in (inaudible)?

THE PRESIDENT: We've called for maximum relief. We're doing everything you have to to --

Yes? How are you? Will you look at this man?

MR. CLARK: Thank you, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: How are you?

MR. CLARK: Good, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: Nice to see you. Thank you very much. You take care. Everything okay?

MR. CLARK: We're volunteers. Yes.

VOLUNTEER: Yeah, this is all volunteers coming together that put this whole thing together right here.

THE PRESIDENT: Isn't it beautiful?

GOVERNOR SCOTT: Yeah, this state has great people coming together

and helping each other.

THE PRESIDENT: They really are. These are great people. Thank you. Thank you.

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REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRUMP  
DURING TOUR OF LYNN HAVEN COMMUNITY

Lynn Haven, Florida

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Q Mr. President, what struck you in the aerial tour? What did you see?

THE PRESIDENT: Hard to believe. I've seen pictures. But it's hard to believe. When you're above it, in a plane, and to see the total devastation, to see no houses left. Not even the pads are left. It's incredible.

And I have to say that the work that FEMA, first responders, local government, law enforcement is doing is incredible. You just saw Michael, who actually was about the only person in this area that rode it out. He said he's never been so scared in his life. But it's -- he's never seen power like this; trees coming down left and right.

To see this, personally, it's very tough. Very, very tough. Total devastation.

This is the Mayor, by the way. Come on over here. Come.

MAYOR ANDERSON: Mr. President, when the storm hit, the police and first responders and myself, and our city manager, we were in the city hall and police annex, and you'll see we walked that far. It literally collapsed around us. And it lasted 55 minutes, and they said it was the equivalent of a 40-mile-wide EF-3 tornado, for 55 minutes.

THE PRESIDENT: That's what it seems like to me. It seemed almost

like a giant tornado -- a really wide tornado -- which is incredible.

ADMINISTRATOR LONG: It was big. It was big. Not quite as big as Irma, but it was big.

MAYOR ANDERSON: It was huge.

ADMINISTRATOR LONG: And it came fast, and it grew fast. And it got to almost a Category 5.

THE PRESIDENT: More powerful in the winds.

MAYOR ANDERSON: At midnight, I got on, like, the live Facebook page, and started talking to the people. And I said, "You still have time. It's not going to be here until 8 o'clock. Get in your car and drive 150 miles north or west." And I believe a lot of them did. We had no casualties in this town. It's amazing.

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REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRUMP  
AND GOVERNOR SCOTT  
UPON ARRIVAL IN FLORIDA

Eglin Air Force Base, Florida

10:47 A.M. CDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. I just want to mention that, while we're here, we're going to be doing a pretty big tour and then we're going to Georgia. I'm going to Georgia. Rick Scott, your governor, has done an incredible job, and all of your people have been amazing -- working with FEMA, working with the first responders, and always law enforcement.

The job they've done in Florida has been incredible. And likewise, I'm hearing, in Georgia, very good things, Rick. So I want to thank you. You're a great Governor. You really have been. He steps up in the biggest emergencies, the biggest problems, and he gets it done. So, Rick Scott, thank you.

GOVERNOR SCOTT: Thank you very much. I want to thank the President. We talked almost every day. Everything about (inaudible), he's come through.

Brock Long is here; he runs FEMA. Wes Maul runs the State Emergency Management Team. Everything I've asked for from FEMA, they've done. We got the water out, we got the food out. We, all together -- we had search and rescue teams the night of the hurricane going into these communities to save lives. Our Coast Guard did missions at night,

saving lives. And they saved a lot of people's lives.

So everybody is working together -- the National Guard, Highway Safety. But I want to thank everybody for all this coordination to save lives and get people back to normal as quickly as they can.

And I want to thank the President again. Because every time I called, he's come through and done exactly what he said he was going to do.

THE PRESIDENT: I have to say, one of the most incredible things, always, is power. And we have thousands and thousands of electrical -- really, electricians, at the top level. But the electric companies have followed -- as the hurricane left, they've followed right behind it. And they've put on hundreds of thousands of homes that are already back.

Now, the one problem is some homes don't exist anymore. I mean, they're literally wiped out. They have electric going to empty sites. But the electric companies have been really incredible and responsive. So we want to thank them, too.

Q What's your biggest priority today, sir?

THE PRESIDENT: Just making sure everyone is safe, that they're fed. You know, many of these people have no -- they have no homes. Some of them have no trace of a home. You wouldn't even know it. It just got blown right off the footing.

So our big thing is feeding, water, and safety. And again, Rick Scott has done an incredible job. Really, I want to thank you.

GOVERNOR SCOTT: Thank you very much. Thanks a lot.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, everybody.

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REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRUMP  
BEFORE MARINE ONE DEPARTURE

South Lawn

9:28 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: So I met, number one, as you know, with Pastor Brunson. Some of you were there. And he had a fantastic weekend. He's back home, and we love the fact that he's back home. He's with his family. And he's a very happy man. He left Turkey. He is extremely thrilled. And, as I said, really yesterday more than ever, that we want to thank Turkey. We want to thank President Erdogan.

I just spoke with the King of Saudi Arabia, who denies any knowledge of what took place with regard to, as he said, his Saudi Arabian citizen. I've asked -- and he firmly denied that. I've asked Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to immediately get on a plane, to Saudi Arabia, go to other places if necessary, which he probably will. But with regards to this, go to Turkey if necessary. The King told me that Turkey and Saudi Arabia are working hand-in-hand, very closely, on getting to the bottom of what happened. So we'll see what happens. But Mike Pompeo --

Q (Inaudible.)

THE PRESIDENT: Excuse me -- Mike Pompeo is leaving literally within an hour or so. He's heading to Saudi Arabia.

We are going to leave nothing uncovered. With that being said, the

King firmly denied any knowledge of it. He didn't really know. Maybe -- I don't want to get into his mind -- but it sounded to me like maybe these could have been rogue killers. Who knows? We're going to try getting to the bottom of it very soon. But his was a flat denial.

Q (Inaudible.)

THE PRESIDENT: What?

Q When he told you that, did you trust him and did you believe him?

THE PRESIDENT: All I can do is report what he told me. And he told me in a very firm way that they had no knowledge of it. He said it very strongly.

Q Will you relax sanctions against Turkey?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, that was not part of the deal. We had no deal with Turkey. We don't make deal -- any deals for hostages or prisoners. But I will tell you that I feel much differently about Turkey today than I felt about them two days ago. I have a very good feeling toward Turkey. Two days ago, I did not. So that helped.

Q Mr. President, who else could it be besides Saudi Arabia?

THE PRESIDENT: I don't know. We're going to try to getting to the bottom of it. I can only tell you that his denial to me is -- just one very, you know, relatively fast phone call. Probably lasted 20 minutes. His denial to me could not have been stronger that he had no knowledge. And it sounded like he, and also the Crown Prince, had no knowledge.

Q What did you tell him about what the cost would be if it's Saudi Arabia?

THE PRESIDENT: We didn't talk about that. We didn't talk about that. I did say this is very important. The world is watching. The world is talking. And this is very important to get to the bottom of it. And I think he understands that very well.

He did say, very strongly, that he's dealing with Turkey; that they've come to an agreement, that they're investigating it together. And I think that's a good thing.

Q Mr. President, what is your reaction to Senator Elizabeth Warren releasing the results of her DNA test?

THE PRESIDENT: No, I have no -- who cares?

Q Mr. President, you said you --

THE PRESIDENT: Who cares?

Q Mr. President, you said you said you would donate \$1 million to charity (inaudible).

THE PRESIDENT: I didn't say that. You better read it again.

Q (Inaudible.)

THE PRESIDENT: Say it? Sorry, you have a helicopter roaring in the background. Go ahead.

Q (Inaudible) any theory of who may have done it if it wasn't them?

THE PRESIDENT: No, not a theory, but the denial was very, very strong. It wasn't like there was a question and it's (inaudible). The denial was very, very strong.

Q Do you think Elizabeth Warren will run for President? Do you see her (inaudible)?

THE PRESIDENT: I hope she's running for President, because I think she'd be very easy. I hope that she is running. I do not think she'd be difficult at all. She'll destroy the country. She'll make our country into Venezuela.

With that being said, I don't want to say bad things about her, because I hope she would be one of the people that would get through the process. It's going to be a long process for the Democrats.

Q What is your reaction to Sears going bankrupt?

THE PRESIDENT: It's a shame. So Sears, Roebuck, when I was growing up, was the big deal. And it's very sad what happened. Very, very sad. When you look at that whole filing that they did last night, to me it's very sad. Somebody that is of my generation -- Sears, Roebuck was a big deal, so it's very sad to see.

And I will say, with that being said, I would imagine some of those great sites that Sears has -- they really have some great sites -- will be put to good use. It will be a lot of jobs. Sears has been dying for many years. It's been obviously improperly run for many years, and it's a shame.

Q Why take the arms deal off the table with Saudi Arabia?

THE PRESIDENT: I'm not taking anything off the table. No, we're going to try and find out. I'm just explaining -- --

Q (Inaudible.)

THE PRESIDENT: No, no look -- I'm just explaining, very easily, I think, what was told to me a half an hour ago. And the denial was not only a denial, it was a very firm denial. So we will check it all out. We'll get to the bottom of it, okay?

Q (Inaudible) North Korea?

THE PRESIDENT: No, North Korea is coming along very well. Relationships are very good. I think a lot of good things will happen. It's complicated. You know, we've done things in three or four months that nobody has done in 70 years. But I think North Korea is coming along very well.

Thank you. I'll see you in Florida. Thank you.

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**White House Appoints 2018-2019 Class of White House Fellows**

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, the President's Commission on White House Fellows announces the appointment of the 2018-2019 class of White House Fellows. The highly regarded White House Fellowship provides professionals from diverse backgrounds an opportunity to engage in public service for one year by serving in various roles in the Federal government.

Created in 1964 by President Lyndon B. Johnson, the White House Fellows Program was designed "to give the Fellows first hand, high-level experience with the workings of the Federal government and to increase their sense of participation in national affairs." The Fellowship was created as a non-partisan program and has maintained this tradition throughout both Republican and Democratic administrations. The mission of the White House Fellows Program is to encourage active citizenship and service to the Nation. Throughout the year, fellows actively participate in an education program that expands their knowledge of leadership, policy-making, and contemporary issues. Community service plays a vital role in the program, and Fellows take part in service projects throughout the year.

The highly competitive selection process to become a White House Fellow is based on a record of professional accomplishment, evidence of leadership skills, the potential for further growth, and a commitment to public service. Selected individuals spend a year working as a full-time, paid fellow to senior White House Staff, Cabinet Secretaries, and other top-ranking government officials. Additional information about the White House Fellows Program is available at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/participate/fellows>.

**2018-2019 Class of White House Fellows:**

Jonathan Ahlstrom is from Ellicott City, Maryland, and is placed at the U.S. Agency for International Development. Jon is a Commander in the United States Navy. As a Nuclear-Trained Submarine Officer, he has led sailors at sea during multiple deployments and strategic deterrent patrols, completing missions vital to national security. Most recently, he served as the Nuclear Officer Program Manager, where he oversaw the community of more than 5,000 nuclear-trained officers across the Navy and managed an \$80 million pay portfolio. His service awards include the Meritorious Service Medal and Naval Submarine League Rear Admiral Frederick B. Warder Outstanding Achievement Award. Following his Fellowship, he will command one of the Navy's attack on ballistic missile submarines. As an active member of the community, he promotes early-age language education through his participation in the Interagency Language Roundtable. He has also served as a Military Mentor to the 56<sup>th</sup> U.S. Senate Youth Program and was a delegate to the 2018 American Council on Germany Young Leaders Conference. He is an Olmsted Scholar and received an M.A. in Military History and Defense and Security from Institut d'études politiques d'Aix-en-Provence in France as well as a B.S. in Systems Engineering from the United States Naval

Academy.

Travis Brown is from Kansas City, Kansas, and is placed at the National Security Council at the White House. Travis is a lieutenant in the United States Navy and a Navy SEAL. Over the course of twelve years, he has deployed to South America, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and to South Central Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Travis' military awards include various valorous citations for combat leadership in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Africa. He graduated from Kansas State University with a B.S. in Psychology and an M.A. in Political Science. Additionally, he received an MPhil in European Studies from the University of Cambridge. He was a member of the U.S. Junior National Triathlon Team, competed in cross country while at Kansas State University, and represented the University of Cambridge in the Modern Pentathlon Varsity Match. Travis volunteers and raises money for fallen service member organizations and helps his wife coach their three children in soccer, track, and basketball.

Brian Churchill is from Long Beach, California, and is placed at the Overseas Private Investment Corporation. Brian is a Sergeant-II with the Los Angeles Police Department. He was assigned to the Media Relations Division, where he managed the Department's public video messaging and the release of body camera footage. Previously, he worked as a Watch Commander, Gang Enforcement Detail OIC, in counterterrorism, and as patrol officer. During his tenure, he has received more than 80 commendations. He serves as an officer in the United States Coast Guard Reserve, assigned to Sector Los Angeles-Long Beach. He began his military service in the California Army National Guard, where he was deployed to Kosovo. Recently, on behalf of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, he developed policy for the Ukrainian Ministry of the Interior to enhance freedom of the press and establish cooperation between media and law enforcement. He also conducts law enforcement training throughout the United States and Mexico. Brian volunteers with the Sister Cities Organization, Boy Scouts of America, and other youth programs in the Los Angeles area. He earned an MSc from the University of London's Centre for Financial and Management Studies and a BLS from Boston University.

Christina Fanitzi is from Milton, New York, and is placed at the National Economic Council at the White House. As a Military Intelligence Officer, she led soldiers in Asia, Europe, and the United States, including combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. Christina recently redeployed to Afghanistan where, as the Director of Operations, she organized and led a 1,700-soldier military intelligence unit to enable Afghan National Security Forces with over 56,000 hours of intelligence collection. She instructed Leadership, Accounting, and Negotiations in West Point's Behavioral Sciences and Leadership Department and led the West Point Negotiation Project, an initiative to train cadets, prominent business schools, and conventional and special operations units in principled negotiations. While at West Point, Christina created the first Army Negotiation Conference, served as a Council on Foreign Relations Term Member, and received recognition as a finalist for the Dean's Award for Teaching Excellence. She received her B.B.A from the George Washington University, was commissioned from Georgetown University Army ROTC as a Distinguished Military Graduate, and has remained committed to her community and campus. Her service merited the Baer Award for Individual Excellence, as well as the two highest national Alpha Delta Pi awards for overall and philanthropic excellence — the only 2003 graduate to receive both awards. Christina is also a graduate of the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth, where she earned an M.B.A., established Dartmouth's Alumni Veterans group, and received the Julia Stell Award for significant leadership and community contributions, as well as the Dux Femina Facti Award for outstanding female leadership.

Clayton Fuller is from Lookout Mountain, Georgia, and is placed at the Office of the Second Lady. Clay served as an Assistant District Attorney for Georgia's Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit, where he prosecuted some of the circuit's toughest violent and sexual crimes. He secured convictions in numerous cases, including rape, child molestation, and armed robbery — resulting in life sentences for the perpetrators. He also argued criminal cases before the Supreme Court of Georgia and the Court of Appeals

of Georgia. Clay is a Major and a Deputy Staff Judge Advocate in a reserve force of the United States Air Force, where he advises commanders in order to provide the nation with superior F-16 capabilities. Following a thirteen-hour surgery and a two-week ICU stay at Walter Reed, he defeated cancer but was inspired to leave Air Force active duty to fight rural poverty in his native North Georgia. He then founded a non-profit, "think-and-do tank," as well as a venture capital firm focused on ending rural poverty. He played basketball at Emory University and graduated with a B.A. in English before earning an M.P.A. from Cornell University and a Juris Doctor from Southern Methodist University. He is a distinguished graduate of the Air Force's Officer Training School and a graduate of the Marine Expeditionary Warfare School.

Elizabeth Gillis is from Grand Rapids, Michigan, and is placed at the U.S. Department of Treasury. Elizabeth is a Coast Guard Lieutenant Commander with experience in shipboard operations and financial management. Most recently, she served as the Comptroller and Operations Officer at Base Los Angeles/Long Beach. Previously, Elizabeth was a high-level financial analyst at Coast Guard Headquarters. For her efforts and leadership, Elizabeth earned two DHS Chief Financial Officer Team awards for efficiency, innovation, and transparency. Elizabeth also led diverse operations and teams over seven years at sea in fast-paced, hazardous situations. She commanded three ships, including Coast Guard Cutter WRANGELL, homeported in Bahrain during a period of elevated threats in the Arabian Gulf. Domestically, she interdicted over \$1 billion in cocaine, apprehended more than 25 narco-terrorists, and rescued over 120 people in distress. Following a particularly difficult rescue, her ship was selected as the Coast Guard Foundation's Unit of the Year for heroism. Elizabeth earned an M.B.A. from the University of Michigan and graduated from the United States Naval Academy with a B.S. in Oceanography. She cross-commissioned into the Coast Guard upon graduation, the first Department of Defense Service Academy graduate ever to do so. In her spare time, Elizabeth volunteers extensively, works on her goal of visiting all seven continents, and enjoys swing dancing.

Michael Harrison is from Rural Retreat, Virginia, and is placed in the Office of the Vice President of the United States. Mike is a Major in the United States Army. As an Infantry Officer, he has led soldiers throughout Asia and Europe, including 28 months deployed to northeastern Afghanistan. Throughout his career, Mike formed and led organizations executing counterterrorism and counter-insurgency missions, as well as strategic deterrence operations within the European theater. He most recently led 4,100 soldiers as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Brigade Combat Team's Executive Officer while a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. Mike previously served as an Assistant Professor and Executive Officer in the Department of Social Sciences at West Point, where he taught courses on American politics and economics and mentored cadets. In addition to his professional exploits, Mike ran the New York City marathon to raise awareness for underprivileged youth, volunteered as the West Point chapter's Big Brothers Big Sisters officer mentor, served as a women's soccer team and men's football team academic mentor, and was an active Council on Foreign Relations Term Member. In his free time, he continues to volunteer and serve underprivileged youth and Gold Star families. He received a B.S. in Pre-Law from the United States Military Academy at West Point and an M.P.P. from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Jeremy Hosein is from Papillion, Nebraska, and is placed at the White House Office of Legislative Affairs. Jeremy is a senior Neurosurgery Resident at the University of Colorado, where he specializes in the surgical management of diseases of the brain and spine. He was selected as a Leadership Fellow of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons and recently completed a term as president of the Housestaff Association, representing 1,100 physicians-in-training in Colorado. During medical school, he was elected to serve on the University of Nebraska Board of Regents. Prior to this, he served as an intern with Senator Chuck Hagel from Nebraska. He subsequently served as a policy advisor to former Nebraska Governors Dave Heineman and Mike Johanns. Jeremy received a B.A. in Politics from New York University and received his medical degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Medicine.

Thomas Ogden is from Honolulu, Hawaii, and is placed at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. Tom

is a Commander in the United States Navy. He recently served as Director, Strategic Initiatives Group, United States Pacific Fleet, after a successful tour as Commanding Officer of the USS CHUNG-HOON (DDG 93), a \$1.5 billion national asset manned by 325 outstanding sailors. The ship deployed to the South China Sea and was recognized with the "Battle E" award as the best ship in his squadron of nine destroyers. Throughout his 20 years in the United States Navy, he has served afloat as an engineer, navigator, Operations Officer, Executive officer, and Commanding Officer, deploying to the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean, Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Gulf of Oman, and Arabian Gulf. Ashore, Tom played a critical role in the planning and execution of counter-drug operations at Joint Interagency Task Force South, including restarting the Air Bridge Denial program in Colombia in 2003. Since 2010, Tom has focused mainly on the Pacific, including a tour as the Executive Assistant to the Director for Operations (J3) at United States Pacific Command, where he responded to the 2011 earthquake and tsunami in Japan, as well as multiple provocations from North Korea. He is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, where he played soccer, and holds a Master of Arts in Security Studies from Georgetown University. Tom is also the co-author of the professional naval book "Division Officer's Guide."

David Rogers is from Lee, New Hampshire, and is placed at the White House Office of American Innovation. David is the Founder and CEO of Allogy, a software company. At 22, he went to South Sudan and led a small team in reopening Mundri Secondary School near the frontlines of a long-running civil war. Five years later, David returned home to enroll in graduate school and founded the first mobile software team at the University of Central Florida's Institute for Simulation and Training (IST). While at IST, David participated in many research opportunities, ranging from support for Department of Defense medical applications to the National Science Foundation's sponsored research of the Haitian Earthquake response. The software developed by his team had commercial opportunity, and in 2009 he founded Allogy. Allogy has grown to 14 employees and is the service provider for Deployed Medicine, the Defense Health Agency's next-generation learning system. David continues to design and develop technology platforms for healthcare and education, and he also serves as a technology advisor to non-profit organizations. David is a graduate of the Air Force Academy and earned a doctorate in Texts and Technology from the University of Central Florida.

Latham Saddler is from Atlanta, Georgia, and is placed at the White House Office of Economic Initiatives and Entrepreneurship. Latham is a lieutenant and Naval Special Warfare (SEAL) Officer in the United States Navy Reserve. During his career as an active duty Navy SEAL, he served on both East and West Coast SEAL Teams and deployed to Afghanistan, Iraq, and other locations overseas. Latham was previously detailed to the National Security Council and served as Director of Intelligence Programs. He is an active member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a fluent Persian-Farsi and Dari speaker with extensive experience in Central Asia and the Middle East. Prior to his military service, Latham worked for IBM Corporation in New York City, where he sold hardware, software, and services to Manhattan's financial sector. Latham earned an M.S. in International Affairs from Georgia Tech and worked for the FBI at the National Counterterrorism Center under the FBI Scholastic Honors Internship Program. He was awarded the National Security Education Program's (NSEP) Boren Fellowship to study in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, and later traveled through Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Armenia, and Turkey. Latham also earned a master's degree in Persian Studies from the University of Maryland - College Park as an NSEP Flagship Fellow. He holds a B.B.A in Economics from the University of Georgia, where he served as Student Body President.

David Schulz is from Harbor City, California, and is placed at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Dave is a Major in the United States Army. As an Infantry Officer, Dave led soldiers during multiple combat tours in Afghanistan and Iraq. As an Army Foreign Area Officer assigned to the Western Hemisphere, Dave is a political-military regional expert, fluent in Spanish and Portuguese, and has served at U.S. Embassies in San Salvador, El Salvador, and Mexico City, Mexico. Most recently, Dave served as the

Military Deputy Foreign Policy Advisor to U.S. Northern Command. Dave also served as a Senior Lecturer at the University of Denver's Josef Korbel School. Dave volunteers as a Big Brother and mentor in the communities where he is stationed and is committed to serving underprivileged children by creating opportunities for them to earn an education and better their lives. Dave enlisted in the U.S. Army at 17, earned an ROTC Scholarship, and graduated as a Distinguished Military Graduate from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Dave also attended the Naval Postgraduate School and earned a dual master's degree in Defense Analysis and in National Security while also serving as the elected chairman of the President's Student Council.

Jason Shell is from Gaithersburg, Maryland, and is placed at the U.S. Department of State. Jason is a lieutenant commander in the United States Navy who most recently served as the Executive Officer of Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Mobile Unit TWO in Virginia Beach, Virginia. As a Navy EOD Officer, he commanded platoons that countered roadside bombs and enemy weapons networks in Iraq and Afghanistan for special operations units. He also served at Joint Special Operations Command and as an Aide-de-Camp on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations. Jason has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Valor, the Combat Action Ribbon, and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and is a qualified Navy Diver and Military Free Fall Parachutist. His published work has appeared in *Proceedings of the U.S. Naval Institute*, where he won the 2015 Leadership Essay Contest, and in *War on the Rocks*. Jason is a Term Member of the Council on Foreign Relations, an alumnus of the National Defense University's Center for the Study of Weapons of Mass Destruction Program for Emerging Leaders, and a volunteer with veterans' service organizations, including the EOD Warrior Foundation and Operation Second Chance. Jason received a B.S. in History from the U.S. Naval Academy and an MPhil in International Relations from the University of Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar.

Joseph Van Valen is from Martinsburg, West Virginia, and is placed in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. Joseph is a Major in the United States Air Force, previously serving as the executive action officer for the Air Force's only Contingency Response Wing. In this capacity, he directly assisted executive leadership in developing and executing the strategic vision for a 1,500-member logistics organization with a unique humanitarian relief mission. Joseph also served as a USNORTHCOM liaison to FEMA during Hurricanes Irma and Maria, coordinating all Department of Defense airlift support for FEMA's response efforts. In 2016, while deployed to Iraq, Joseph advised Department of State and Government of Iraq officials on logistics challenges preceding the Iraqi-led push to recapture Mosul from ISIS. As an Instructor Pilot on the \$202 million C-17 aircraft, Joseph has flown over 270 combat hours in Afghanistan and Iraq, delivering the first M1A1 Abrams tank into Afghanistan in 2010. Prior to entering the Air Force, Joseph was a Senior Software Engineer for America Online, Inc., and is a named inventor on three U.S. technology patents. Joseph graduated high school at the age of 15. He received a B.S. in Computer Science from Stanford University and an M.A.S. in Criminology, Law and Society from the University of California, Irvine.

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**President Donald J. Trump Approves Georgia Disaster Declaration**

Today, President Donald J. Trump declared that a major disaster exists in the State of Georgia and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by Hurricane Michael beginning on October 9, 2018, and continuing.

The President's action makes Federal funding available to affected individuals in the counties of Baker, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Miller, and Seminole.

Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

Federal funding also is available to State, tribal, and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work in the counties of Baker, Bleckley, Burke, Calhoun, Colquitt, Crisp, Decatur, Dodge, Dooly, Dougherty, Early, Emanuel, Grady, Houston, Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, Laurens, Lee, Macon, Miller, Mitchell, Pulaski, Seminole, Sumter, Terrell, Thomas, Treutlen, Turner, Wilcox, and Worth.

Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide.

Brock Long, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Homeland Security, named Manny J. Toro as the Federal Coordinating Officer for Federal recovery operations in the affected areas.

Additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the State and warranted by the results of further damage assessments.

Residents and business owners who sustained losses in the designated counties can begin applying for assistance tomorrow by registering online at <http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov> or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA(3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. (local time) seven days a week until further notice.

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**7:45AM** Out-of-Town Pool Call Time

**8:15AM** In-Town Pool Call Time

**9:00AM** THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY depart the White House en route to Joint Base Andrews

*South Lawn*

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**9:10AM** THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY arrive at Joint Base Andrews

*Joint Base Andrews*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**9:20AM THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY depart Joint Base Andrews en route to Okaloosa County, FL**

*Joint Base Andrews*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

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**10:25AM THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY arrive at Eglin Air Force Base**

*Okaloosa County, FL*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**EDT**

**8:15PM THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY arrive at Joint Base Andrews**

*Joint Base Andrews*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**8:25PM THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY depart Joint Base Andrews en route to the White House**

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*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**8:35PM THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY arrive at the White House**

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October 14, 2018

**President Donald J. Trump Amends Florida Disaster Declaration**

Today, President Donald J. Trump made additional disaster assistance available to the State of Florida by authorizing an increase in the level of Federal funding for debris removal and emergency protective measures, including direct Federal assistance, undertaken in the State of Florida as a result of Hurricane Michael beginning on October 7, 2018, and continuing.

Under the President's major disaster declaration issued for the State of Florida on October 11, 2018, Federal funding was made available for Public Assistance at 75 percent Federal funding of total eligible costs.

Today, President Trump authorized a limited period of 100 percent Federal cost share for debris removal, including direct Federal assistance, for a 120 hour (5 day) continuous period of the State of Florida's choosing, and then a 75 percent Federal cost share thereafter; and a limited period of 100 percent Federal cost share for emergency protective measures, including direct Federal assistance, for a 120 hour (5 day) continuous period of the State of Florida's choosing, and then a 75 percent Federal cost share thereafter.

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**Guidance for President Donald J. Trump's Air Force One Arrival  
Robins Air Force Base  
Monday, October 15, 2018**

**Who:** President Donald J. Trump and First Lady Melania Trump  
**What:** President Donald J. Trump's Air Force One Arrival  
**Where:** Robins Air Force Base  
Page Road  
Warner Robins, Georgia 31088  
**When:** Monday, October 15, 2018 at 4:05PM EDT

**Request Media Credentials:**

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**\*\* For all on site and additional logistical questions, please email Michelle Meadows at [Elizabeth.M.Meadows2@who.eop.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.M.Meadows2@who.eop.gov) \*\***

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REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRUMP

IN MEETING WITH PASTOR ANDREW BRUNSON

Oval Office

2:41 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Well, thank you very much, everybody. This has been a long journey. But for Andrew, it's been a very interesting day. Because as you probably heard, I said a little bit earlier, from a Turkish prison to the White House in 24 hours. That's not bad. (Applause.) Actually --

And I want to start by saying that Norine was unbelievable. She was calling and calling. She definitely loves you -- let me put it that way. (Laughter.) But she was calling and she wanted you out.

PASTOR BRUNSON: Yes.

THE PRESIDENT: And she was not playing games. Right? And we're very proud of you, Norine. Thank you very much.

And you are very, very special to all of us. And, you know, we have some of our great leaders right here. You know James. You know Cindy. You know Richard. You know Thom. You know Patrick. You know Mark. And all of these people, and right back here. A whole group of people. They fought so hard for you. They wanted you out.

And again, we've been negotiating long and hard. We do not pay ransom in this country, at least any longer. We won't pay ransom. Otherwise you have big problems, and lots of things will happen. Lots of bad things will happen.

But I still -- I want to thank President Erdogan. We've been dealing. And we actually -- until this, we had a very good relationship. I was actually very surprised that we didn't work this out a couple of months ago. But it started in a different administration, and they were not going to work out anything. And we took it over, we inherited it. And we have, I think at this moment, gotten 19 different people out of various countries that were being held.

Chairman Kim was really great to us. I think that started the relationship that we have now in North Korea, with three hostages, as you know. Egypt -- we had Aya. Aya was, they said, a spy. She was sentenced to 25 years. They told President Obama, "We will not let her out under any circumstances." And they told me, "She'll be in the Oval Office in 24 hours." We all know that. You guys worked on that one too. And many others. Many others.

So I just want to congratulate you, because you have galvanized this country. I mean, you just take a look this -- there's so much interest. And it's your faith, it's your strength, what you've gone through. I know what you've gone through. And I also know that, a

period of time ago, we were able to get you from prison to the house.

And again, I do have to say, it's not an easy situation for Turkey either. They had a lot of difficult situations going on, and I do want to thank President Erdogan for making this possible. You understand what I mean by that.

PASTOR BRUNSON: Yes.

THE PRESIDENT: It wasn't easy. And wasn't easy for him.

Most importantly, I want to congratulate you and your family. I'd love to -- say a few words. You may want to thank all of these great leaders, because they were really calling me a lot. (Laughter.) They called me too much. I said, "Okay, I know, we're working on it." Right? But they are terrific fans of yours. And right now, the whole world is a fan of yours. The whole world is your fan and your family's fan.

So maybe you can say a few words. Introduce your family. And it's a great honor to have you back home.

PASTOR BRUNSON: Thank you, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much.

PASTOR BRUNSON: This is my daughter Jacqueline, my son Blaise. Jacqueline's husband, Kevin. And my oldest son, Jordan. And this is Neil, who's Norine's brother. Of course, Norine is my wife.

THE PRESIDENT: That's for sure. (Laughter.)

PASTOR BRUNSON: And we especially want to thank the administration. You really fought for us, unusually so. From the time you took office, I know that you've been engaged, and Secretary of State Pompeo also was very engaged and fought for us. And Vice President Pence, we're very grateful. Mr. Bolton.

There are a number of people in the Senate. And I can't mention everyone, but I know that Senator Tillis visited me in prison, and so did Senator Shaheen and Senator Graham. And Senator Lankford has been involved from the very beginning.

So, we're so grateful to so many people in the Congress who stood with us and who prayed for us, and who fought for us.

So we want to thank you all very much.

THE PRESIDENT: And I do have to say we did leave out many people in the Senate, many people in the House. You know that, Patrick. Many people have been left out. And we just can't go through all of the names, but it was everybody that wanted this to happen. It was really everybody. The complete Senate. I think we can probably say, Richard, this was bipartisan. Do you agree?

SENATOR BURR: Yes, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: This wasn't just Republican, right? But honestly, I think if there was ever a bipartisan event, this was it.

And I do have to thank Vice President Pence. He's doing a terrific job. He felt very, very strongly about this. And Secretary of State Pompeo, I would say we spoke about this at least once a day.

SECRETARY POMPEO: Yes, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: We thought we had it done two months ago. Sometimes it doesn't always work out, but that's -- I can only tell you that's better than anybody else could have done. And we are so honored to have you.

And anything final you'd like to say? And then you're going to go and relax and go home, and celebrate, and have a great life, right? I won't ask you whether or not you're going back to Turkey. (Laughter.) I won't ask that question.

PASTOR BRUNSON: We do love Turkey. We were there for 25 years, and we love the Turkish people.

THE PRESIDENT: Great. That's very nice.

MRS. BRUNSON: We pray for their (inaudible).

THE PRESIDENT: That's very nice.

MRS. BRUNSON: That's sincere. It's very sincere.

THE PRESIDENT: That's very nice. And I know you do love the Turkish people. They're great people. I know that. They're great people.

PASTOR BRUNSON: We would like to pray for you. We pray for you often as a family. My wife and I pray for you.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. Well, I need it probably more than

anybody in this room. (Laughter.) So I would -- that would be very nice. Thank you.

PASTOR BRUNSON: Can we pray for you now?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes. Thank you very much.

(Pastor Brunson and Mrs. Brunson give a prayer.)

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. Could I ask you one question? Who did you vote for? (Laughter.)

MRS. BRUNSON: You.

THE PRESIDENT: I knew the answer. I knew the answer.

PASTOR BRUNSON: I would like to say I sent in an absentee ballot from prison. (Laughter and applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: It's a little unfair. I knew the answer. I would never do that to myself. That could be too tough.

Listen, congratulations.

MRS. BRUNSON: Thank you so much.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. Great parents. And fantastic children. They were so with you.

PASTOR BRUNSON: Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: And it is an honor. Well done.

PASTOR BRUNSON: Thank you very much.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. We appreciate. Thank you.

And again, to President Erdogan, thank you very much. To the people of Turkey, thank you very much. I think this will be a big step in our relationship. We have had a very harsh relationship over the past number of months because of what was happening. And I'm not going to blame fault. I'm not going to say anything. I'm just saying this is a tremendous step toward having the kind of relationship with Turkey -- which can be a great relationship -- that I know we're going to have.

So thank you very much. And, President, thank you very much.

Does anybody have any questions? Would you like to have --

Q Pastor Brunson, can you tell us a little bit about what your next plans are? What do you plan on doing now that you're back safely?

PASTOR BRUNSON: We want to spend time with our children especially, and then take some time to pray and see what God wants for the next part of our lives.

Q Would you be willing to discuss what your treatment was like while you were over there? What was your experience in general while you were detained?

PASTOR BRUNSON: I think we'll do that in the future. We will probably be doing some interviews. Right now, we just want to especially -- this is a time to thank the administration and people in government who supported us. And that's especially what we want to emphasize, is our gratefulness, to say we love this country.

Last night, we arrived in Germany on a plane that President Trump sent to take us from Turkey. And the Ambassador to Germany met us there at 1:30 in the morning. I couldn't believe it. And he had an American flag to give us that had flown over there and was in Berlin. And I took it and I very naturally just -- I kissed it. I love this country, and we pray for this country.

Phil?

Q Mr. President, I have a question for you, sir. What do you owe the timing of Pastor Brunson's release? And do you think the disappearance and possible murder of Jamal Khashoggi has anything to do with the timing of this?

THE PRESIDENT: The timing is a strict coincidence; it really is. It's -- I've heard a couple of people say, wow, that's pretty tricky; could there be anything to it. No. Actually, Phil, no. It's a total coincidence. It's interesting. A lot of things happening in a certain part of the world. You know that. You know what else is going on. But there are probably things beyond that. But, no, it's a strict coincidence, Phil.

Q And I know we're here to celebrate Pastor Brunson. But if I could just follow up on something you said on "60 Minutes."

THE PRESIDENT: I have a feeling know what it's going to be.

Q Well, you suggested, sir, that there could be serious

repercussions --

THE PRESIDENT: That's right.

Q -- for Saudi Arabia, if the U.S. determines that they killed Jamal Khashoggi. What do have in mind? What sort of --

THE PRESIDENT: Well, we'll be sitting together with all of the folks here, and a lot more. And we'll have to make a determination. I do think this: That I worked very hard to get the order for the military. It's \$110 billion. I believe it's the largest order ever made. It's 450,000 jobs. It's the best equipment in the world. But if they don't buy it from us, they're going to buy it from Russia or they're going to buy it from China, or they're going to buy it from other countries.

But Russia and China wanted it very badly. I got 100 percent -- almost 100 percent of their order. And I would -- from the standpoint of jobs, economic development, a lot of other reasons, I would like to do something where we could maybe look at other things -- I will tell the senators -- because that's a tremendous order for our companies. It's a tremendous order for -- really, from an economic development standpoint. You look at -- Texas has a big chunk of it. Almost all of our states are involved in that order.

So I actually think we'd be punishing ourselves if we did that. There are other things we can do that are very, very powerful, very strong. And we'll do that.

Now, as of this moment, nobody knows what happened. As of this moment. We're looking into it very seriously. Turkey is looking into it at a very high level -- at the highest level. And so is Saudi Arabia. I mean, they're going to get back, and they have been getting back. And I know Mike has been dealing with them. John has been dealing with them.

But in terms of the order of \$110 billion -- think of that -- \$110

billion -- all they're going to do is give it to other countries. And I think that would be very foolish for our country. But there are other things we can do that will be very severe.

Q What's an example of something you could do?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, there are many things we can do. Would you like to speak up about that? James, do you have any suggestions? There are many, many things. I don't know if you want to -- you know, I don't want to put you on the spot, but if you guys would like to tell them some of the many things we can do. There's a big list.

SENATOR LANKFORD: Yeah, there's a big list. Obviously, we have a longstanding partnership with Saudi Arabia in a lot of areas. My first preference though is not talk about what we would do. Let's find out what did happen first.

THE PRESIDENT: That's a very good idea.

SENATOR LANKFORD: And I think the key thing is, he's still -- his fiancée is still waiting to be able to find out what happens. And there's a lot of speculation. But until we know, I hate to take the next step on it, and just to be able to see.

Q Mr. President, would you meet with the family in the Oval Office?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, I would. In fact, we've invited his fiancée. We've invited her. So -- she actually wrote a letter to myself and the First Lady. And -- beautiful letter. And we have invited her, and I believe they're working it out, where she'll be coming. I mean, I'd love to have her. Great news, where it wouldn't even be necessary. But at this point, it's looking like -- it's looking like he perhaps won't be or isn't around. And that's very sad. I think we would have known by now. That was our first hope; our first hope was that he was not killed. But maybe that's not looking -- it's not

looking too good, right? From what we're hearing.

SENATOR LANKFORD: A lot still to learn, I think, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: But there's a lot to learn. There really is. Okay?

Q Mr. President, what about the others imprisoned in Turkey? The other U.S. citizens -- three employees of U.S. consulates in Turkey. What efforts are being made to --

THE PRESIDENT: We're working -- as you speak, we are working on that. And, by the way, other people that are in prisons in other countries, other than Turkey -- we have other people that have been there for many years. We've done very well. We actually have at least 18. And the 18 were people that they said would never, ever be freed. And, by the way, Pastor Brunson was one of them. We were talking before. How many years was it? You can say the number you told me. It's a very scary number.

PASTOR BRUNSON: Well, they wanted 35 years.

THE PRESIDENT: They wanted him in jail for 35 years.

So, you know, we have many people throughout the world, in other countries, and we are working very hard. This group -- all of this group -- we're working very hard to take care of that situation.

Q Mr. President, is there a red line in terms of Saudi behavior that would cause you to reconsider that proposed arms sales?

THE PRESIDENT: We're going to just see what happened. We have to see what happened. As James said, it's really best to -- let's

determine what happened first. There's plenty of things we can do that are very tough. Let's see what happened first.

Q Have you seen the video or audio recordings?

THE PRESIDENT: I have not. Have you seen the video?

SECRETARY POMPEO: Mr. President, I have not seen it.

THE PRESIDENT: I mean, I've heard -- we've all heard a lot about the audio. Nobody has seen it yet. So we do want to see it. I guess it's a combination of seeing it and hearing it. And maybe a lot can be --

Q And have you asked (inaudible)?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, we're going to be seeing it very soon.

Q Have you spoken (inaudible)?

THE PRESIDENT: No, I haven't. I haven't spoken.

Q Do you plan on it?

THE PRESIDENT: I mean, I've spoken to him many times about this, but I haven't called him yet. I will be. I will be. And I will be also calling King Salman of Saudi Arabia, because I think it's appropriate for me to ask him what is going on.

Q Do you have any idea when that call might take place, sir?

THE PRESIDENT: Probably tonight or tomorrow.

Go ahead.

Q Pastor Brunson, do you plan to stay in the U.S. now?

PASTOR BRUNSON: For a time. We don't know what's ahead of us.

I would like to say something. Someone asked before about other American prisoners in Turkey. And I know that from dealing with the consulate there -- and they've been very involved with us, excellent consulate staff there; and Martin Thomen is here -- that they weren't only engaging for me; that they're engaging for everyone there.

So, as -- I know this just from talking with the consulate staff when they would come to visit me in prison that they were involved very much in advocating for the other prisoners there.

THE PRESIDENT: And I have to say, with respect to Turkey or Saudi Arabia, when you look at what's going on in Iran and other places, it's really bad. It is really bad. There are a lot of bad things going on in that part of the world. And frankly, in other parts of the world also.

Any other questions?

Q Mr. President, what did you do different than other administrations? You talked about the 19 people that you've seen --

Americans held abroad that you've seen released. What did you do differently than previous administrations?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, they're tending not to take them --

Q And you said you made no deals, so --

THE PRESIDENT: They are tending not to take them out of our administration. And that's good. I like that. And I think I could tell you why, but I won't.

But they tend not to take them out of our administration. And you know what? It's going to stay that way, okay?

Q Mr. President, did you (inaudible) last night?

THE PRESIDENT: What?

Q Did you watch the interview with the First Lady on ABC last night?

THE PRESIDENT: I did.

Q What did you think?

THE PRESIDENT: I thought she was fantastic. I thought the First Lady was fantastic last night. I hope I do as well on "60 Minutes" tomorrow night. (Laughter.) I doubt I will, but that's okay.

Q Mr. President, will you still be sending Treasury Secretary Mnuchin to the conference in Riyadh later this month?

THE PRESIDENT: What do you think about that?

SECRETARY POMPEO: I think we need to continue to evaluate the facts and we'll make that decision. As I talked with Secretary Mnuchin about it last night, we'll be taking a look at it through the rest of the week.

Q Mr. President, now that the Pastor has been released, what is the future for U.S. sanctions on Turkey?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, we were very tough on Turkey, and we'll take a look. There was absolutely no deal made. Frankly, the only deal, if you can call it a deal, is a psychological one. We feel much different about Turkey today than we did yesterday. And I think we have a chance of really becoming much closer to Turkey, and maybe even having a very, very good relationship. We know the people. And as the Pastor said, these are incredible people. The people of Turkey are incredible people. And I think we have a chance now to really have a great relationship with Turkey. I hope that happens. Okay?

Thank you. Richard, do you have anything to say? I'd like to maybe -- you and Thom, you worked so hard. Richard Burr?

SENATOR BURR: Well, we welcome the Pastor back to North Carolina. He's been missed. But his work in Turkey, like everywhere else in the world, to spread the word of Jesus Christ is absolutely crucial and it's a foundational thing about this country, the United States. And I think that's why we love it so much. Welcome home.

PASTOR BRUNSON: Carolina Blue. (Laughter.)

SENATOR BURR: That's right.

THE PRESIDENT: That's right. Thom?

SENATOR TILLIS: Pastor Brunson, you mentioned the State team. I just want to echo that the folks on the ground in Turkey, the two times that I was there, were amazing to work with. And they deserve a lot of credit. You know how many times they've met with you in the prison, and how much time they've spent with Norine. And we're very proud of them. They've done an extraordinary job. (Applause.)

PASTOR BRUNSON: Martin visited many times.

THE PRESIDENT: In fact, doesn't speak good English anymore. (Laughter.) He forgot English. You spent a lot of time over there. Fantastic.

MR. THOMEN: Thank you, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: Great job. Patrick?

REPRESENTATIVE MCHENRY: What a special guy. What a special man of Christ. When he comes to the Oval Office and instead of saying "thank you" just for your prayers, he says, "Let me pray for you, Mr. President." What a special statement. And what a special statement about what you've done personally.

As a delegation in North Carolina, we've worked on this release for a very long time. But things changed when this administration came in. And the direct involvement of the Secretary of State, and the

direct involvement of you, Mr. President, and the Vice President, has made all the difference. We're so grateful to see the happy family all back together once again.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Patrick. That's very nice. Mark?

REPRESENTATIVE MEADOWS: Yeah. Pastor, welcome home. But I think the other thing is, you had dozens and dozens of advocates. You had one champion in the President of the United States. But he was the answer to millions of prayers that went up on your behalf and the behalf of your family. So thank you for keeping the faith. Thank you for the entire team. And praise God for a wonderful celebration today. And thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Mark, very much. Appreciate it.

James? Please. Oh, yes, go ahead.

MRS. BRUNSON: Just also thanks so much to the chargé. To both. There was a transition time, but both of them were just so wonderful. And we just want to acknowledge them publicly.

THE PRESIDENT: You know what? Before James goes -- and you know how James has fought for you -- I'd like you maybe to say something on behalf of your husband and how great he -- the bravery that he showed. Because you know exactly what was going on. You saw it better than anybody.

MRS. BRUNSON: It was hard for him. And really, the Lord pulled him through. Yeah. Yeah. I think it was a great testimony in Turkey. We would like people to know who we really are there. That we really are there to bless the country. That's our desire.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you for your bravery and everything else.

How about you?

MRS. FURNARI: I just want to say thank you for all of your involvement. I don't think that we'd be sitting here right now. I don't think that I'd be seeing my parents right now if it were not for your involvement and your strong stance. So thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: I appreciate it. Thank you very much.

MRS. BRUNSON: She was the face of the family.

THE PRESIDENT: She was.

MRS. BRUNSON: She was.

THE PRESIDENT: She's become very famous. (Laughter.)

Go ahead.

MR. BRUNSON: I just wanted to say thank you for everything that you've done. I know you and the Vice President have worked really hard, and all of these people. And it was really hard, like, my dad being gone. So thank you for bringing him back. It was definitely amazing.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, you've got great parents. And it's terrific. It's our honor.

And, James, maybe we'll close it out with you? I'll just say, on behalf of the Vice President, we are so happy, so thrilled. James Lankford, go ahead, please.

SENATOR LANKFORD: Thank you, Mr. President. You all have both faced incredible risks personally. Your tenacity to be able to stay there by his side throughout this, at great personal risk to yourself through this process, has been awe-inspiring for many of us to be able to watch as well.

We're incredibly grateful for you all to be able to be home. And we look forward to having a celebration like -- a day like this for other Americans from Turkey that need to come home as well, to be able to finish that out. And we look forward to getting all of those individuals resolved as well and back home.

But today, we're just incredibly grateful after two very long years, for you to be able to be home. And I look forward to hearing your stories about driving through drive-throughs and getting a hamburger -- (laughter) -- and about going to just hang out and going to your own church, and just being able to relax and to be able to be with family.

And we're all looking forward to those days of you all not having to be on the front page of a paper and just being back to being Americans again. And be able to do this. So, welcome home.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, James. Thank you.

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BEFORE MARINE ONE DEPARTURE

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Q Mr. President, should the Saudis have reason to fear your response?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I hope not. We're going to find out what happened. We're looking very hard. We have a lot of very good people on it. So does Turkey, so does Saudi Arabia. We're going to find out what happened. And you will be the first to know.

Q Mr. President, there are reports that your administration is considering a new family separation policy at the border. Do you think that --

THE PRESIDENT: We're looking at everything, Phil, that you can look at when it comes to illegal immigration. We have people that are trying to get into our country because of how well our country is doing. And, you know, in the old days, when the country wasn't doing well, it was a lot easier. Now everybody wants to come in. And they come in illegally and they use children. In many cases, the children aren't theirs. They grab them and they want to come in with the children. So we are. We're looking at a lot of different things having to do with illegal immigration.

What should happen is the Democrats should pass good bills. This is the same situation that President Obama found himself in. He had separation, and people didn't talk about. The famous picture from 2014

that they all thought was our picture, that was a picture of young children in jail cells that was during the Obama Administration.

So we want to do whatever we can do. We have people trying to come in like never before. Our Border Patrol, ICE, law enforcement is doing an incredible job. But we're going to do whatever we can do to get it slowed down.

Q Mr. President, do you think the original family separation policy from this summer was effective in deterring people from crossing at the border? Did it work?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I will say this: If they feel there will be separation, they don't come. You know, if they feel there's separation, it's a -- it's a terrible situation. We want to go through Congress, but the Democrats don't want to approve anything. They're obstructionists.

If they feel there's separation -- in many cases, they don't come. But also, in many cases, you have really bad people coming in and using children. They're not their children. They don't even know the children. They haven't known the children for 20 minutes, and they grab children and they use them to come into our country. You got some really bad people out there.

We're doing an incredible job. But the one thing I will say: The country is doing so well economically and every other way that more people want to come in than ever before. So we have to be very strong.

Q (Inaudible) said that you agree with her that families should be able to enter the country, as her parents did and became U.S. citizens. Do you agree that family members should be allowed to come into the United States?

THE PRESIDENT: I do, but they have to come in legally. I want a lot of people to come in. Frankly, we need people coming in, because I have a lot of companies moving back in. Jobs are coming back in. You take a look at all of the new plants that are being built in the United States. We have a lot of people calling me; they want workers. And we want people to come into our country. That's what people don't understand about me. But they have to come in on a merit basis. And that's what we're working out with Congress.

Q But you say you were against chain migration. And the First Lady said that you and she both agreed family members should be allowed in.

THE PRESIDENT: Chain migration is not a good thing. Chain

migration is bad. If you take a look at the lottery system, that's bad. What I want is merit. I want a lot of people to come in. We have great car companies entering our country again. This hasn't happened for 35 years. We have companies like Foxconn going to Wisconsin with a massive, massive plant.

We need people coming in, but we want them to come in on a merit. We want people that are going to help us. It's very important. We want them to come in on a merit basis.

Q (Inaudible) campaigning on immigration as an issue?

THE PRESIDENT: Look, as far as I'm concerned, as to whether or not it's an issue -- for those of you that didn't hear -- immigration is always tricky, but to me it's not tricky. You have to do the right thing whether there's an election or not.

I'm very tough at the borders. We've been very tough at the borders. People have to come into our country legally, not illegally. Legally. And I want them to come in on merit.

If that's a bad policy, then guess what, a lot of bad things are going to happen. But a lot of people agree with me. I would say a vast majority of our country agrees. They don't want criminals coming into our country. They don't want people that they don't want in the country that aren't going to help us as a country. They don't want these people coming in. So we have a very strong policy.

The one thing that really has changed over the last couple of years since I've been President -- our country is doing so well, even with real interest -- not with false interest rates. Zero interest. Anybody can do well with zero interest. But our country is doing -- we're the hottest country in the world, economically, by far. You take a look at us compared to China, compared to everybody else, we're the hottest country in the world. A lot of people are trying to come in. Our border security, our ICE, our law enforcement is doing an incredible job.

Q Mr. President, in 2014, those children were largely unaccompanied. But your administration has actually been separating families. Is it really the same thing?

THE PRESIDENT: You have children coming in, and they're coming through Mexico, and they are unaccompanied. They have no parents. They may be back in the country that they came from -- Honduras and a lot of other countries -- or they may not.

But you have many people coming up, many young children -- I mean, really young children -- and they're pouring in through Mexico. And we're taking care -- they have no parents. Or their parents aren't in

Mexico. In most cases, not in Mexico. They're from other parts of the world.

It's really a humanitarian tragedy, and we're taking care of it. But this isn't a case where people are coming up with children -- coming in with children. People are grabbing children and they're using children to come into our country, in many cases.

Q Mr. President, one more question about Saudi Arabia (inaudible) didn't get to in the Oval Office. You've talked a lot about your good relationship with King Salman. That was your first trip, your first foreign trip in May of 2017. The red carpet, the fighter jets, the (inaudible) -- all of that. Are you considering -- reconsidering the relationship with Saudi Arabia? Are they as good a partner now, given what they might have done?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I have to see what happens. I mean, you know, a lot of work is being done right now. I have to see.

Now, one of the reasons it was my first pick is, if you remember, it was \$110 billion of military that they were going to buy, but they were going to invest \$450 billion in our country through the companies. I think you were there. And all of these -- Raytheon, and General Electric, and General Motors -- they were there getting contracts for \$25 billion, \$30 billion, \$40 billion. Nobody has ever seen anything like it. So when you say that was my first country, that was my first country because no other country is going to be investing \$450 billion. \$110 billion in the military. It's a lot of money.

Q (Inaudible) China is ready to negotiate again? China.

THE PRESIDENT: China wants to make a deal. China would love to make a deal. I don't think they're ready yet.

Q Why aren't they ready yet? How will you know when they're ready?

THE PRESIDENT: I just don't think they're ready yet. They've made too much money for too long. What they've done to our country is take out anywhere from \$300 billion to \$500 billion a year. Rebuilt China. I have great respect for China and for President Xi in particular. We'll probably make a deal, but I don't think they're ready. They want to make a deal. They are not doing well. If you look at their economy, the Chinese economy is not doing well. And we're doing very well. We're doing better than we've ever done.

But I told them a week ago -- they want to come in, they want to make a deal -- I said, you're not ready to make a deal.

Q Will Pay Cipollone be the next White House Counsel?

THE PRESIDENT: I haven't named the new White House Counsel. But

over a short period of time I will.

Q Is he at the top of the list?

THE PRESIDENT: Who?

Q Is Pat -- is he at the top of the list?

THE PRESIDENT: Pat is a great guy. I don't want to say it, but he's a great guy. He's very talented, and he's a very good man. But I don't want to say yet.

Q Are you preparing written answers for the Special Counsel team? Are you preparing written --

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I don't talk about that. I just say this -- any everybody knows it: No collusion. There never was. There never will be.

Q (Inaudible) with Saudi Arabia, given the size of their investment?

THE PRESIDENT: From where?

Q (Inaudible.)

THE PRESIDENT: I don't understand your question.

Q President Trump, what sort of message does that send to Saudi Arabia, if they are responsible, that you continue with a big arms deal like that?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, there are many other things we can do. But when we take away \$110 billion of purchases from our country, that hurts our workers, that hurts our factories, that hurts all of our companies. You know, you're talking about 500,000 jobs.

So if we do that, we're really hurting our country a lot more than we're hurting Saudi Arabia. They'll go to Russia, they'll go to China. They'll make the order. The equipment is nowhere near as good as our equipment; they know that. Our equipment is the best in the world. But they'll go to China. They'll go to Russia. They'll order equipment. We're just hurting ourselves.

So we would do something that doesn't have to do with that, in my opinion. But we don't know. We don't know. Nobody knows, right now, the answer. We're looking for the answer.

Q President Trump, would you personally sanction the Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman if he was found to be --

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I have to find out what they did. Right now,

Turkey is very deep into it. We're in constant communication. And frankly, other countries are looking at it too, including us. And we'll get to the bottom of it. So we'll have to see.

Q Is the U.S. investigating? Do we have investigators in Turkey that are -- is the U.S. involved in the investigation?

THE PRESIDENT: The U.S. is very much involved. We want to find out what happened.

Q (Inaudible.)

THE PRESIDENT: We've had people speaking at the highest level. And I didn't want to call until we had enough information. Now I want to call. So probably over the next 24 hours.

Who's going to Kentucky? Are you going to Kentucky? You'd have a great time. I hear 93,000 applying for 10,000 seats. There's something going on, Phil. This reminds me of '16. It reminds you of '16 too. Something going on.

Q Any update, sir, on the search for a U.N. Ambassador? And are you committed to having a woman replace Nikki Haley?

THE PRESIDENT: I'd like to. We'll see. Look, I want the most talented person. But I'd like to. Nikki was terrific. We are looking. We have some -- a lot of people want that job. It's a great job. A lot of people want it. We have some incredible candidates. Probably over the next week or two weeks, at the most.

Q But no decision yet?

THE PRESIDENT: No decision. But really some great, talented people, some of whom you know very well. I'm shocked that they haven't leaked it out yet, but that's okay.

Q Well, we welcome it.

Q Mr. President, do you still feel like you have leverage over Saudi Arabia, given the size of their investment?

THE PRESIDENT: I think we have leverage over everybody. We have the strongest now -- we have the strongest military in the world, by far. But we'll never have to use it, because it's so strong that nobody can even compete with us. And we have the strongest country economically since I took over. You know, we've gained \$11 trillion in worth. China has lost many trillions of dollars. We've gained \$11 trillion in worth. So we're, by far, the strongest military of any country in the world. And economically, we blow everybody away.

Thank you all very much.

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**President Donald J. Trump Approves Alabama Emergency Declaration**

Yesterday, President Donald J. Trump declared that an emergency exists in the State of Alabama and ordered Federal assistance to supplement State, Tribal, and local response efforts due to the emergency conditions resulting from Hurricane Michael beginning on October 10, 2018, and continuing.

The President's action authorizes the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), to coordinate all disaster relief efforts which have the purpose of alleviating the hardship and suffering caused by the emergency on the local population, and to provide appropriate assistance for required emergency measures, authorized under Title V of the Stafford Act, to save lives and to protect property and public health and safety, and to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe.

Specifically, FEMA is authorized to identify, mobilize, and provide at its discretion, equipment and resources necessary to alleviate the impacts of the emergency. Emergency protective measures, including direct Federal assistance, will be provided at 75 percent Federal funding in the counties of Dale, Geneva, Henry, and Houston. Emergency protective measures, limited to direct federal assistance, will be provided at 75 percent funding in the counties of Baldwin, Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Coffee, Conecuh, Covington, Crenshaw, Escambia, Mobile, Montgomery, Pike, and Russell and the Poarch Creek Band of Indians.

Brock Long, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Homeland Security, named Gerard M. Stolar as the Federal Coordinating Officer for Federal recovery operations in the affected areas.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
October 12, 2018

MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK, 2018

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

During Minority Enterprise Development Week, we celebrate the success of minority-owned businesses and recognize their contributions to our Nation's prosperity. These businesses are part of the bedrock of our economy, employing eight million people and contributing more than \$1 trillion in economic output each year.

My Administration is committed to empowering minority business owners by creating an environment in which all businesses can expand and thrive. We have eliminated unnecessary and burdensome regulations and effected commonsense, pro-growth policies. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act enacted the biggest tax cuts and reforms in American history. Importantly, it created the Opportunity Zones Program, through which we are rewarding businesses that invest in distressed communities and that create jobs for those who, all too often, are left behind. We are also leveling the playing field for American businesses by renegotiating and modernizing our trade agreements, including by replacing the North American Free Trade Agreement with the new United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement.

Taken together, these new policies are delivering real results for the American people. Our Nation's unemployment rate has reached its lowest level in 50 years. Minority unemployment rates have fallen to record lows, with the unemployment rate for African Americans falling below 6 percent for the first time in history. The unemployment rate for Hispanic Americans and Asian Americans has also reached historic lows.

As minority-owned businesses continue to benefit from our resurgent economy, my Administration is looking to take additional steps to support these key drivers of economic growth. The Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency is expanding its focus to include policy analysis that will identify opportunities for minority business enterprises across our country. Additionally, the new National Council for the American Worker is

developing a National Workforce Strategy. Given the historically tight labor market and recent technological change, our Nation needs a workforce strategy that champions effective, results-driven education and training to meet the needs of students, workers, and businesses.

In the United States of America, each person has the opportunity to achieve their dreams and to build a better future for themselves and their families. Minority business owners exemplify this fundamental truth about our great Nation. This week in particular, we are grateful for the minority business owners who dedicate their time, energy, and entrepreneurial skills each day to improving the economy and restoring the American spirit in every community across the Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim October 14 through October 20, 2018, as National Minority Enterprise Development Week. I call upon all Americans to celebrate this week with programs, ceremonies, and activities to recognize the many contributions of American minority business enterprises.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twelfth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-third.

DONALD J. TRUMP

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BLIND AMERICANS EQUALITY DAY, 2018

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

On Blind Americans Equality Day, we recognize the contributions that Americans who are blind and visually impaired make to our country, and the value of creating greater opportunities for all people to live full and independent lives. Despite facing challenges, Americans who are blind and visually impaired continue to achieve their dreams and strengthen our communities and our Nation. We remain committed to helping these individuals to be successful and achieve their goals in school, business, and civic life.

As a Nation, we want all our citizens to have the opportunity to achieve their goals. In keeping with this fundamental tenet of American society, I signed an Executive Order establishing the National Council for the American Worker, which will develop recommendations for a national strategy that empowers American workers to learn the skills needed to secure sustained employment. This national strategy will outline policies that provide all Americans, including those who are blind or visually impaired, with more opportunities to work, earn a living, and connect with others worldwide.

My Administration also supports Federal programs that help Americans who are blind and visually impaired obtain and maintain employment. The Randolph-Sheppard Vending Facilities Program, for example, has provided thousands of individuals who are blind with entrepreneurial opportunities to run their own businesses, generating millions of dollars in sales and substantial earnings. Under the Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who Are Blind Program, the Department of Education has issued grants to States to support services for individuals 55 and older for whom independent living goals are feasible, but whose severe visual impairment makes competitive employment difficult to obtain. These grants fund independent living services for older individuals who are blind and visually impaired, activities that improve or expand services for these individuals, and raise public awareness of the challenges these individuals overcome.

By joint resolution approved on October 6, 1964 (Public Law 88-628), the Congress authorized the President to designate October 15 of each year as "White Cane Safety Day" to recognize the contributions of Americans who are blind or have impaired vision. As we celebrate the achievements of all those who are blind or visually impaired, I reaffirm my Administration's commitment to providing more opportunities for these Americans to enjoy freedom and independence. Today, we rededicate our efforts and continue working to ensure that all Americans, including those who are blind or visually impaired, have opportunities to achieve success.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2018, as a day to celebrate and recognize the accomplishments and contributions of Americans who are blind and visually impaired. I call upon all Americans to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities to reaffirm our commitment to achieving equality for all Americans.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twelfth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-third.

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REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRUMP  
IN PRESS GAGGLE UPON ARRIVAL

Cincinnati Municipal Lunken Airport  
Cincinnati, Ohio

4:46 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Well, we have good news: Pastor Andrew Brunson is in the air from Turkey. He's, I think, in good shape. He'll be stopping, most likely in Germany, for a full checkup. And then he's going to be coming to the Oval Office, most likely on Saturday.

But we're very honored to have him back with us. He suffered greatly, but we're very appreciative to a lot of people -- a lot of people. So Pastor Brunson is in the air heading to Germany and then coming to the U.S. He'll be landing on Saturday -- most likely Saturday, in D.C.

Q What caused the release, Mr. President?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, we spoke to Turkey, and he went through a system and we got him out. We've been trying to get him out for a long time.

Q Will you lift the sanctions now on Turkey?

THE PRESIDENT: This has nothing to do with anything -- there was no deal made at all. There was no deal.

But we're very happy to have him, and have him in good shape. I hear he's in very good shape.

Q Mr. President, are you reevaluating the relationship with

Saudi Arabia?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, we're going to find out what happened with respect to the terrible situation in Turkey, having to do Saudi Arabia and the reporter. And nobody knows quite yet. Nobody has been able to put it all together. People are starting to form ideas. And as they're formed, we'll let you know. But it certainly is a terrible thing.

Q Has their record been overlooked for too long?

THE PRESIDENT: Excuse me?

Q Has their record otherwise been overlooked for too long?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I think a lot of records are overlooked. If you look at Iran, if you look at so many other countries; take a look at Syria. You take a look at a lot of countries -- a lot of countries' records have been overlooked. But this is a very serious thing and we're looking at it in a very serious manner. Okay?

And we'll see you. We have a big crowd.

Q Have you spoken to the King of Saudi Arabia about this?

THE PRESIDENT: I have not. I have not called him.

Q But do you plan to soon, sir?

THE PRESIDENT: I will. I will be calling him. I will be calling at some point, King Salman.

You know, you're right in the -- you're right in the way of that camera behind you. I'm sure they think you're a very good-looking guy, but maybe not that good from the back, right?

All right. So, go ahead.

Q So you plan to call him soon? Can you tell us when that --

THE PRESIDENT: I'll be speaking to him. Yes, pretty soon.

Q What will that conversation be like?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I can't tell you. But I will say that they're looking very hard and fast. And not only us; a lot of people are looking to find out. Because it is potentially a really, really terrible situation. So we'll see what happens.

Q Was it a mistake for Jared to develop such a close relationship with --

THE PRESIDENT: Yes?

Q Was it a mistake for Jared to develop such a close relationship with the Crown Prince?

THE PRESIDENT: No, I don't know if it's any closer than other relationships that people have. We have a lot of very close relationships with a lot of countries. But this is a serious problem.

Thank you.

Q Was it right for the Treasury Secretary to go to their investment conference?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I guess a lot of people are going over to an investment conference. And he actually called this morning and he will make that determination. But he was partially over there anyway. A lot of people are going over to the investment conference. We'll see what happens. Maybe some won't be going. We'll make that determination very soon. Okay?

We'll see you over at the rally.

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DAILY GUIDANCE AND PRESS SCHEDULE FOR  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018, THROUGH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018

Saturday (October 13, 2018) In-Town Pool

Wires: AP, Reuters, Bloomberg  
Wire Photos: AP, Reuters, AFP, NYT  
TV Corr & Crew: CNN  
Print: Yahoo  
Radio: ABC

Saturday (October 13, 2018) Out-of-Town Pool

Wires: AP, Reuters, Bloomberg  
Wire Photos: AP, Reuters, AFP, NYT  
TV Corr & Crew: CNN  
Print: McClatchy  
Radio: WW1

Sunday (October 14, 2018) In-Town Pool

Wires: AP, Reuters, Bloomberg  
Wire Photos: AP, Reuters, AFP, NYT  
TV Corr & Crew: FOX  
Print: BNA  
Radio: AP

Saturday, October 13, 2018

EDT

2:00PM In-Town Pool Call Time

3:00PM Out-of-Town Pool Call Time

3:40PM THE PRESIDENT departs the White House en route to Joint Base Andrews

*South Lawn*

*Open Press*

**3:50PM THE PRESIDENT arrives at Joint Base Andrews**

*Joint Base Andrews*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**4:00PM THE PRESIDENT departs Washington, D.C., en route to Lexington, KY**

*Joint Base Andrews*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**5:25PM THE PRESIDENT arrives at Blue Grass Airport**

*Lexington, KY*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**5:35PM THE PRESIDENT departs Lexington, KY, en route to Richmond, KY**

*Lexington, KY*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**6:15PM THE PRESIDENT arrives at Alumni Coliseum**

*Richmond, KY*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**7:00PM THE PRESIDENT hosts a Make America Great Again rally**

*Richmond, KY*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**8:05PM THE PRESIDENT departs Richmond, KY, en route to Lexington, KY**

*Richmond, KY*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**8:45PM THE PRESIDENT arrives at Blue Grass Airport**

*Lexington, KY*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**8:55PM THE PRESIDENT departs Lexington, KY, en route to Washington, D.C.**

*Lexington, KY*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**10:10PM THE PRESIDENT arrives at Joint Base Andrews**

*Joint Base Andrews*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**10:20PM THE PRESIDENT departs Joint Base Andrews en route to the White House**

*Joint Base Andrews*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**10:30PM THE PRESIDENT arrives the White House**

*South Lawn*

*Open Press*

**Sunday, October 14, 2018**

**EDT**

**TBD In-Town Pool Call Time**

**THE PRESIDENT has no public events scheduled.**

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NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK, 2018

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

School meals help ensure that our children receive the nourishment they need to grow, develop, and learn. During National School Lunch Week, we acknowledge the benefits of school lunch programs, which provide millions of children the opportunity to enjoy nutritious meals, providing them with the fuel they need to achieve their full physical and mental potential.

The National School Lunch Program provides nearly 4.9 billion low-cost or free meals to approximately 30 million students each year. These meals are a dependable and consistent source of nutrition for many children in schools and childcare centers throughout our country.

My Administration understands that we have a responsibility to children and taxpayers alike to ensure that school meals are nutritious and enjoyable. The best way to do that is to return control back to the people on the ground who make these programs work. That is why we have lowered regulatory hurdles and restored flexibility to schools and communities with respect to the menus in their cafeterias. School nutrition specialists and food service professionals work tirelessly each day to provide students with the nourishment they need to succeed in the classroom and beyond. We are committed to supporting them, listening to their feedback, and equipping them with the tools and flexibility they need to serve our children well.

This week, we recognize the hard work of all the food service professionals, school administrators, community members, and parents across our Nation who help plan, prepare, and serve the meals that sustain millions of children. To emphasize the importance of the National School Lunch Program to our youth's nutrition, the Congress, by joint resolution of October 9, 1962 (Public Law 87-780), has designated the week beginning on the second Sunday in October each year as "National School Lunch Week," and has requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim October 14 through October 20, 2018, as National School Lunch Week. I call upon all Americans to join the countless individuals who administer the National School Lunch Program in activities that support and promote awareness of the health and well-being of our Nation's children.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twelfth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-third.

DONALD J. TRUMP

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**Statement from the Press Secretary**

The United States welcomes the release of Pastor Andrew Brunson. We look forward to his return home where he will be reunited with his family.

We commend the strength shown by Pastor Brunson and his family over a difficult two years, and are thankful for the support of Members of Congress, including Senators Graham, Lankford, Shaheen, and Tillis, and Congressmen McHenry, Walker, and Price. We are also grateful for the work of all of our great diplomats and consular staff who have been instrumental in bringing this day to fruition.

We remain deeply concerned about the continued detention of other United States citizens in Turkey and around the world, and urge the resolution of all these cases in a transparent and fair manner.

The United States and Turkey have a number of mutual concerns regarding regional security and stability, and we look forward to working together on these issues.

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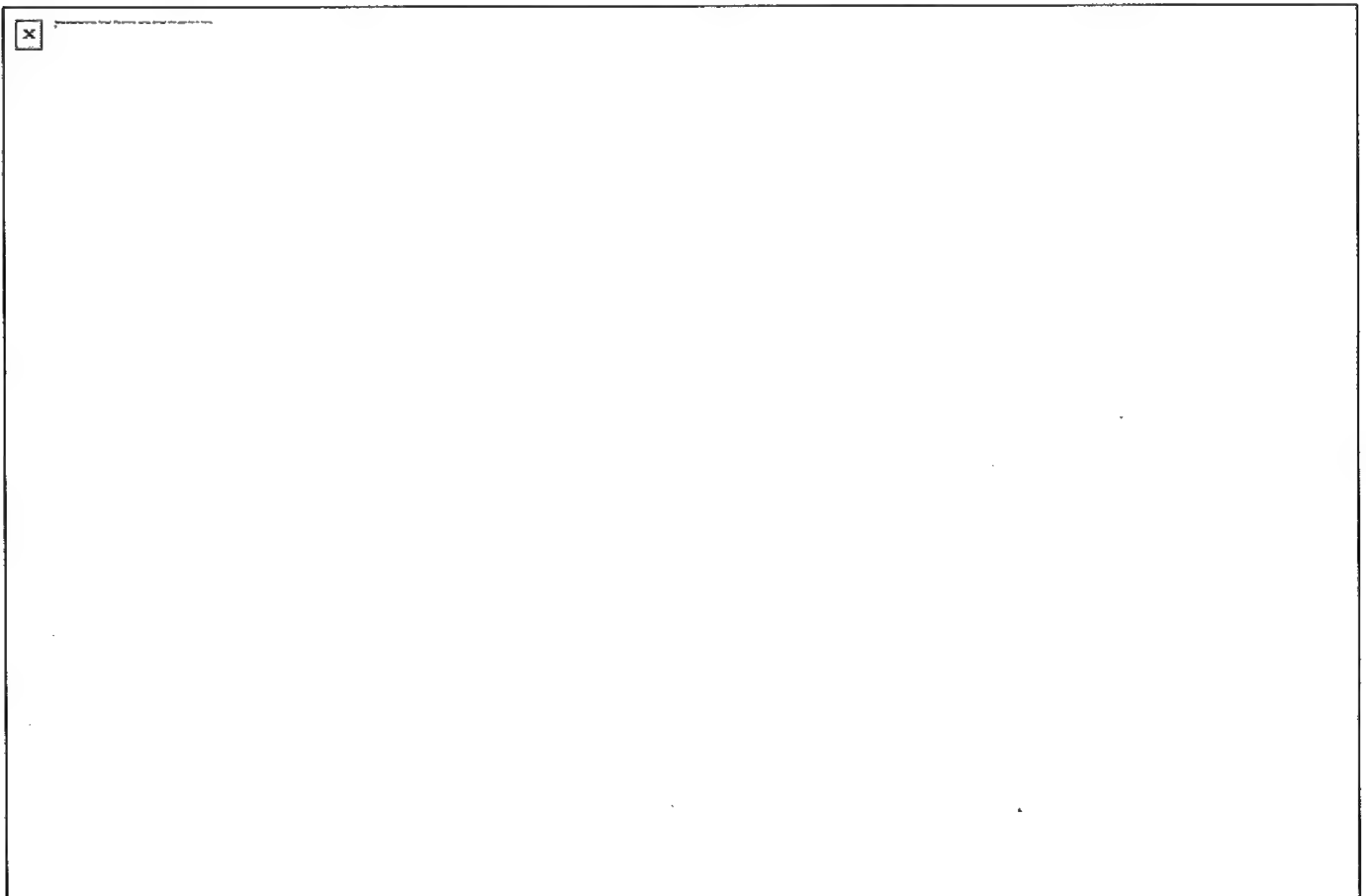
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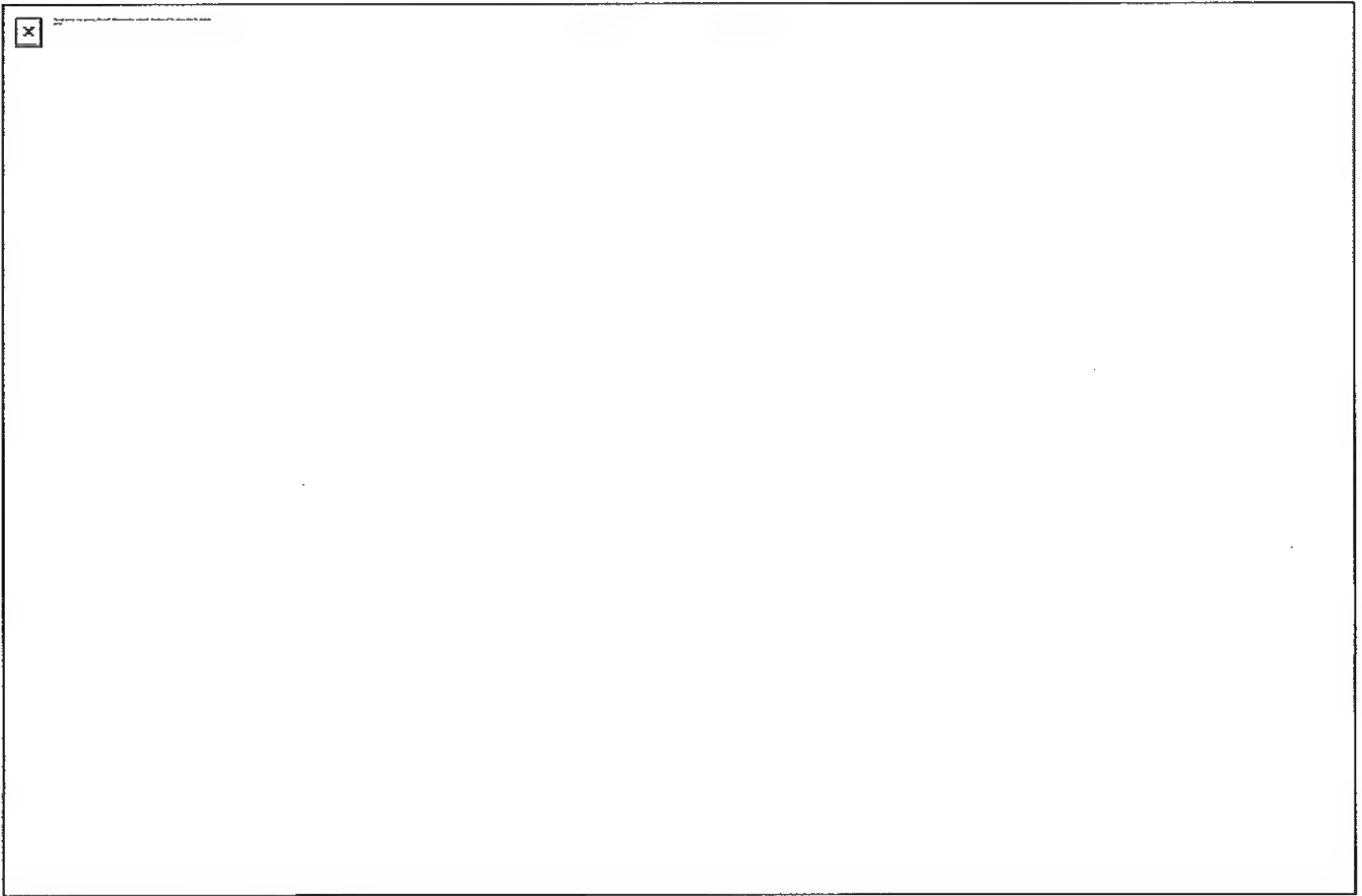
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**Monday, October 8, 2018**

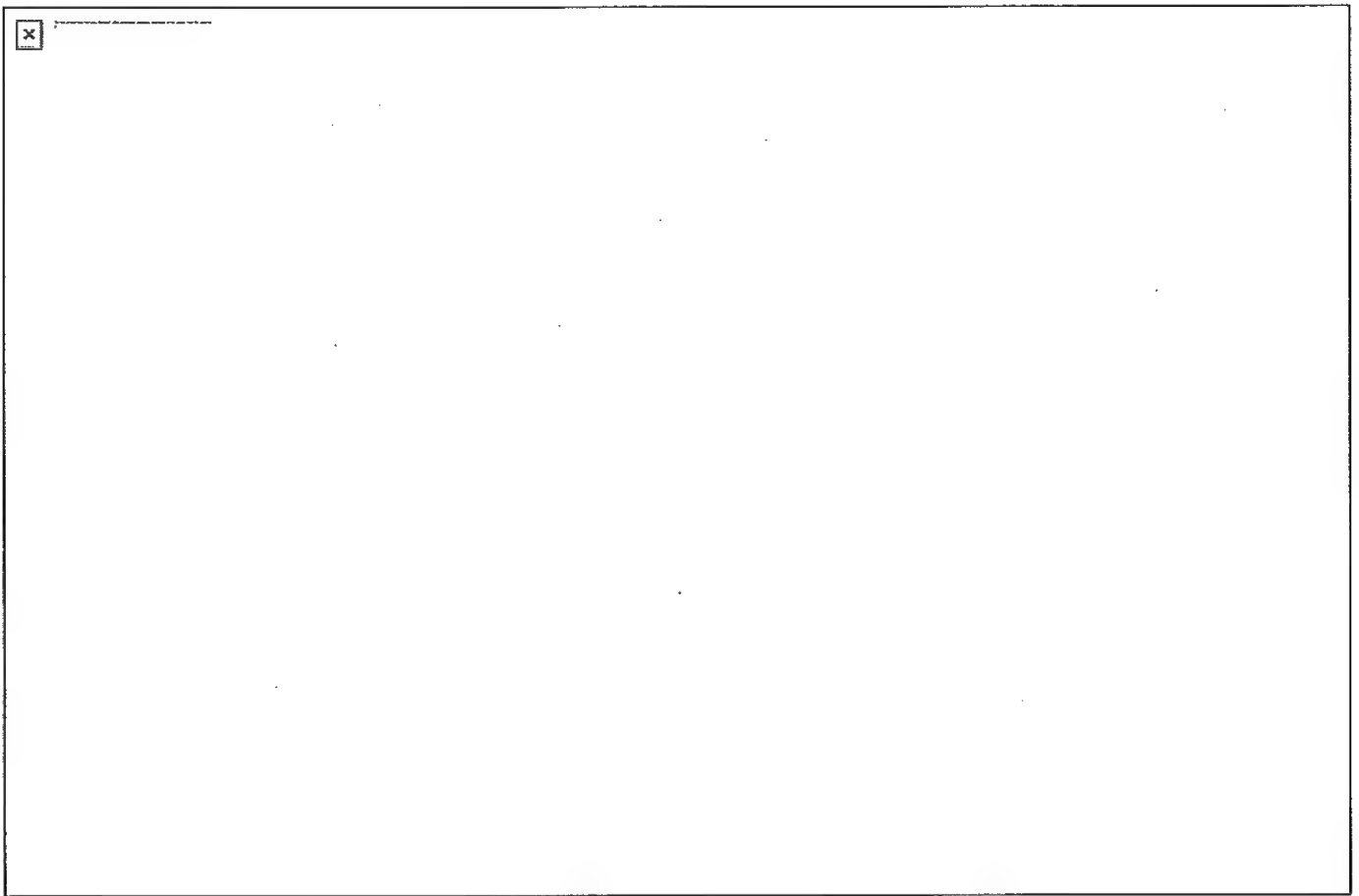


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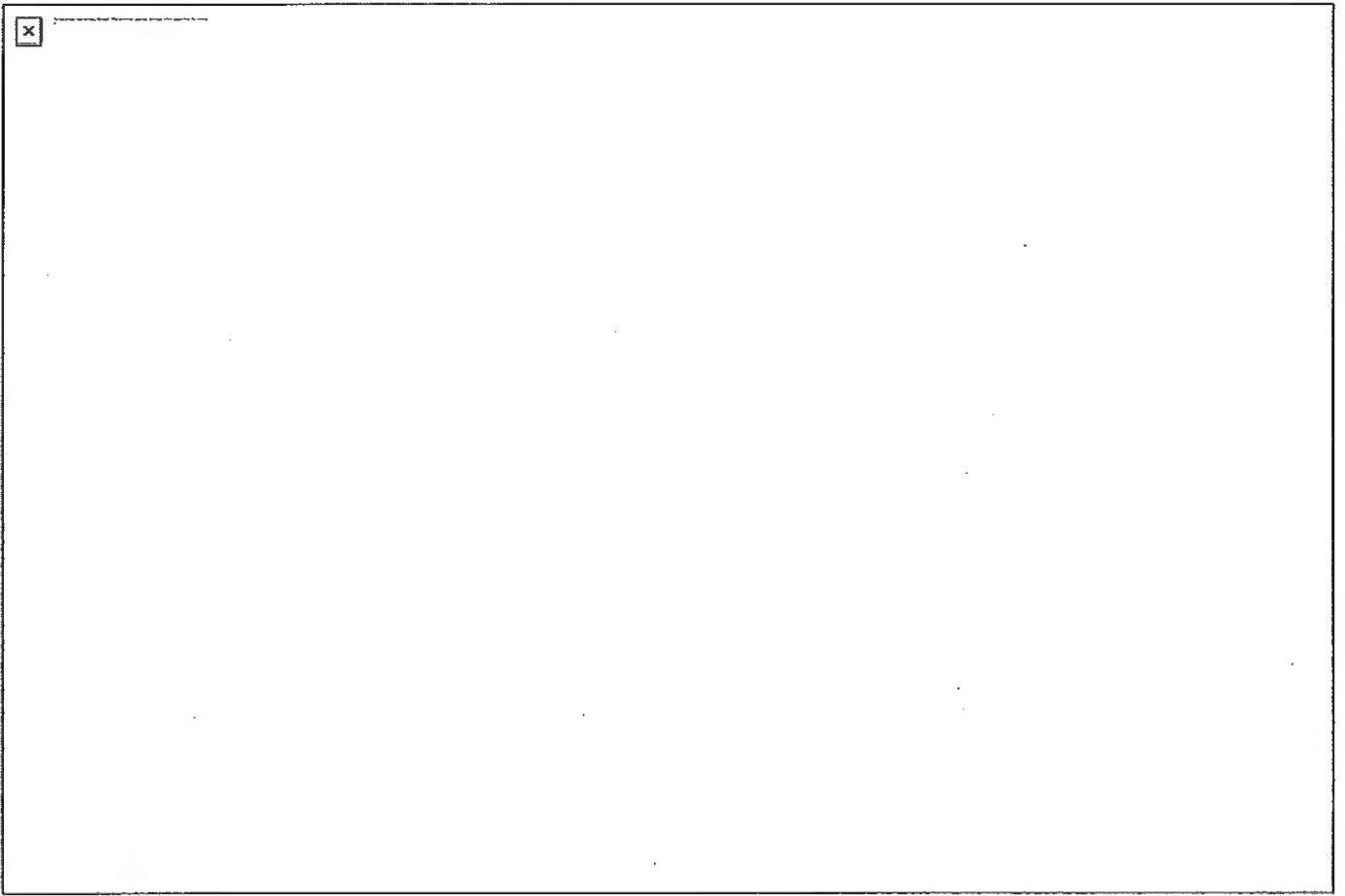
Monday, Oct. 8, 2018, at the International Association of Chiefs of Police and Law Enforcement Convention at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Fla. (Official White House Photo by Shealah Craighead)



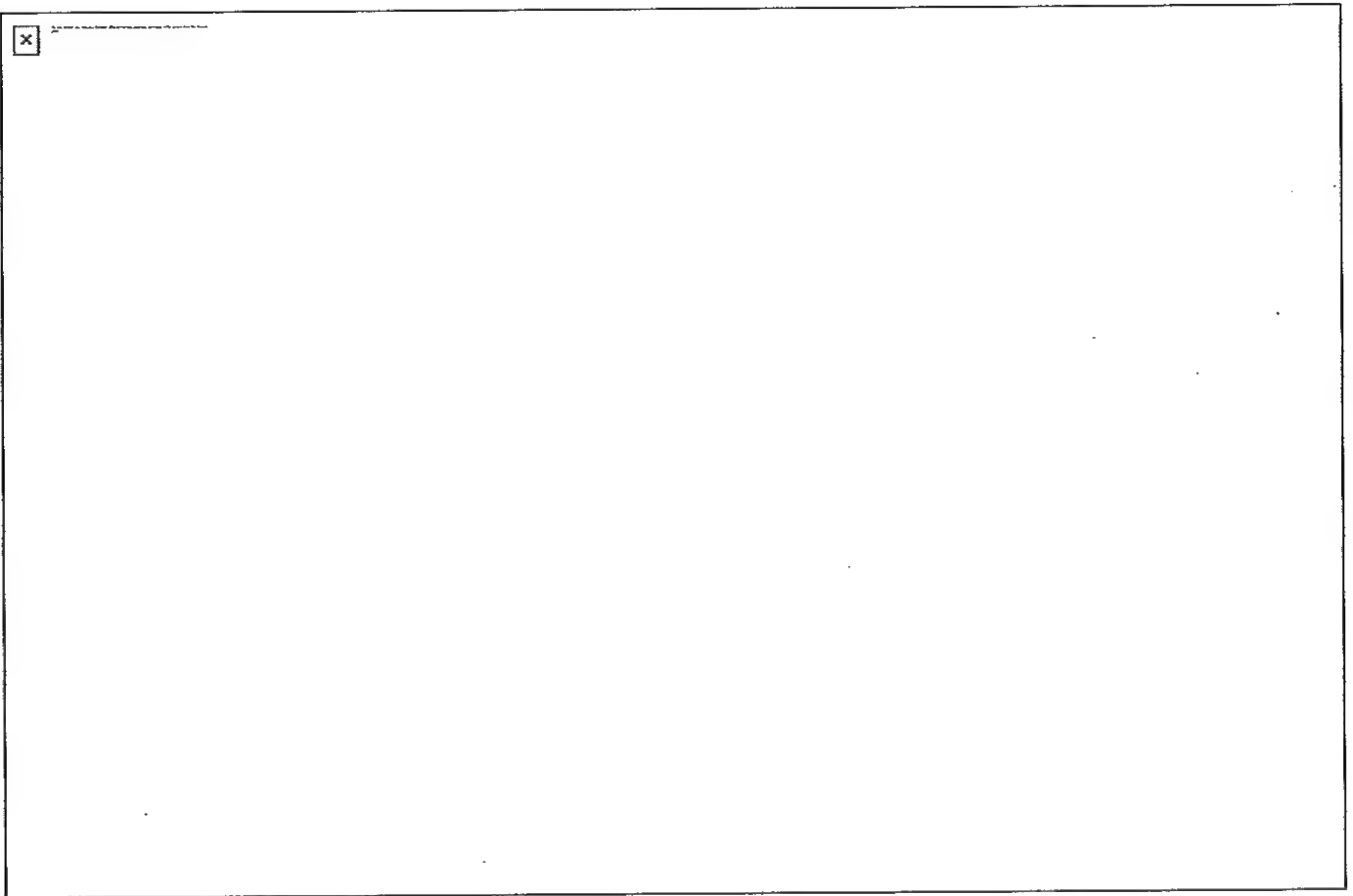
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Air Force One is seen in a reflection on the side of a shuttle bus on the tarmac at Joint Base Andrews, Md., Monday, Oct. 8, 2018, where President Trump had just returned from his trip to Orlando, Fla.  
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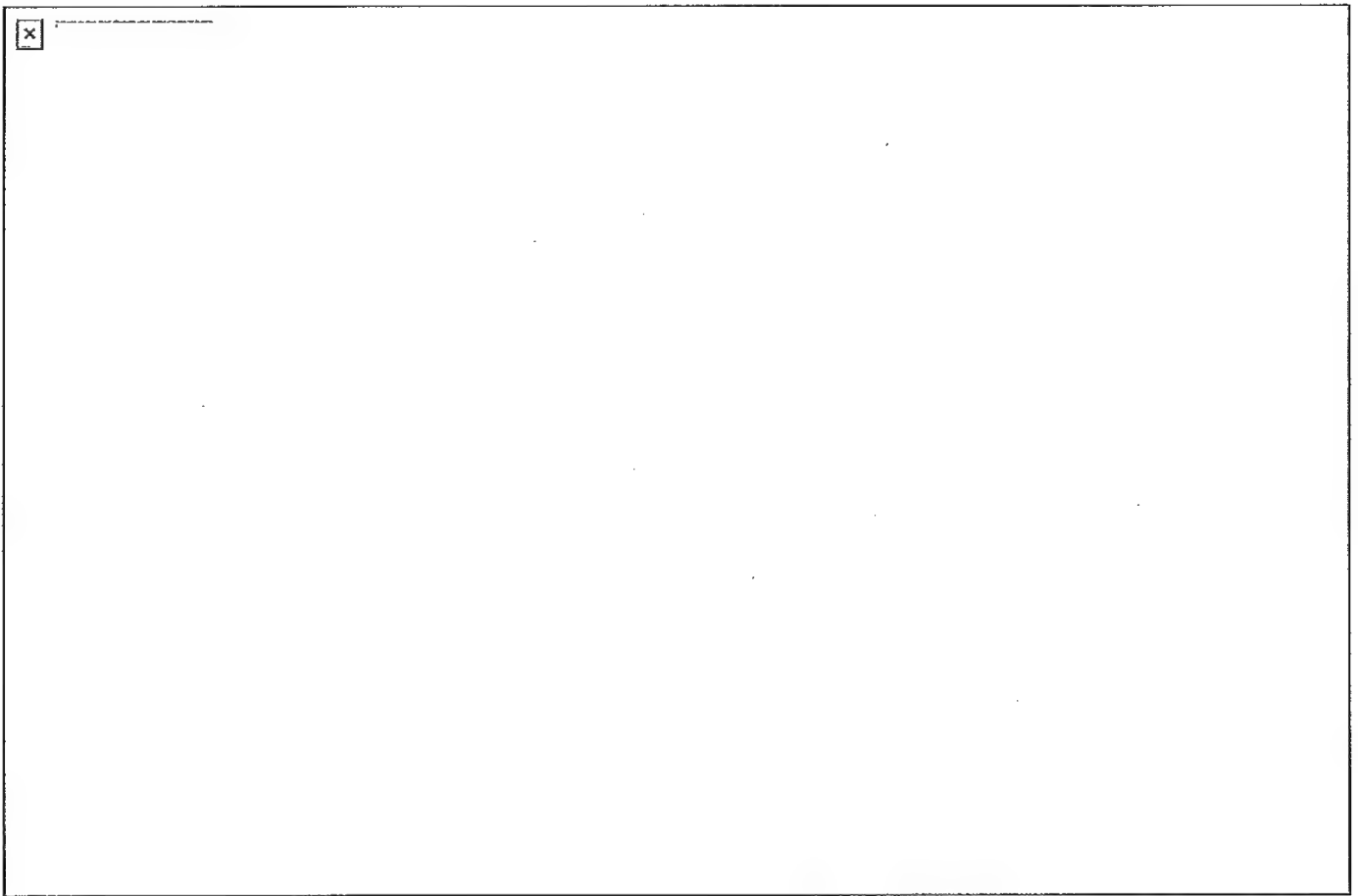


President Donald J. Trump speaks with reporters on the South Lawn driveway of the White House Monday, Oct. 8, 2018, upon his return from Orlando, Fla. (Official White House Photo by Joyce N. Boghosian)

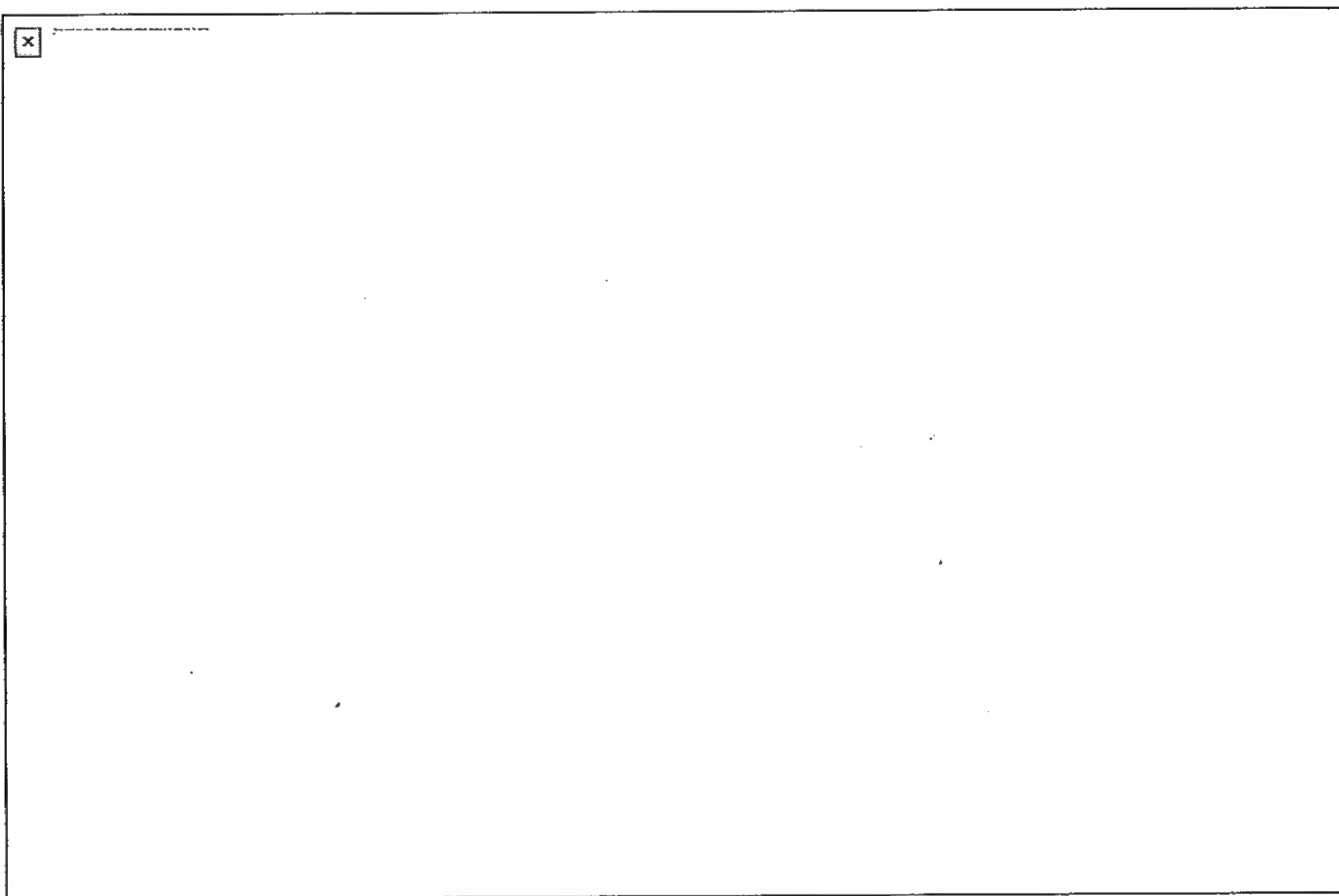


President Donald J. Trump looks on as Anthony M. Kennedy, retired Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, swears in Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh to be the 114th Associate Justice to the Supreme Court Monday, Oct. 8, 2018, in the East Room of the White House. Justice Kavanaugh is joined by his wife Ashley, holding the Bible, and their daughters Liza and Margaret.  
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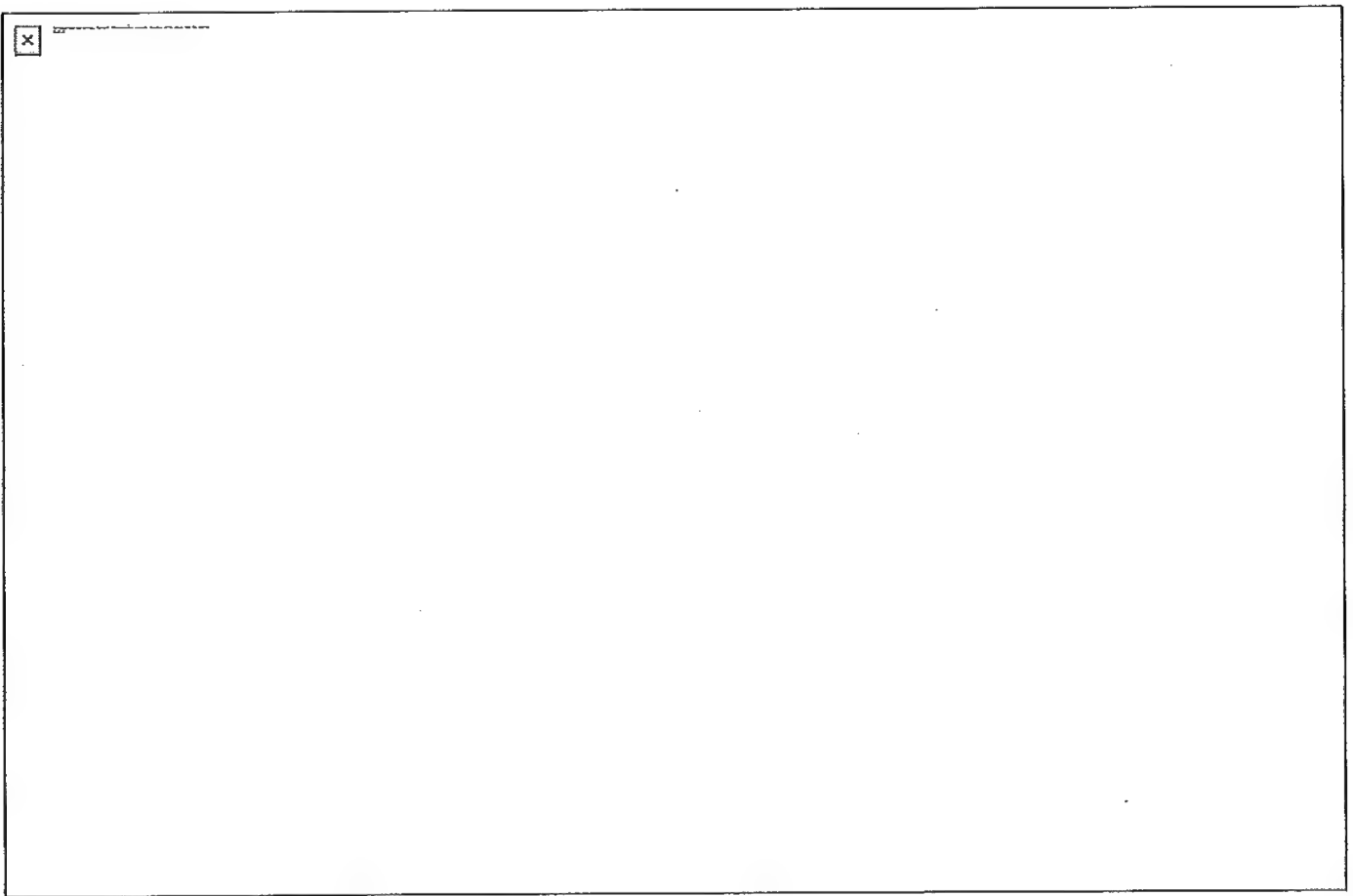
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President Donald J. Trump shakes the hand of United States Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018, in the Oval Office after she announced her resignation. (Official White House Photo by Joyce N. Boghosian)

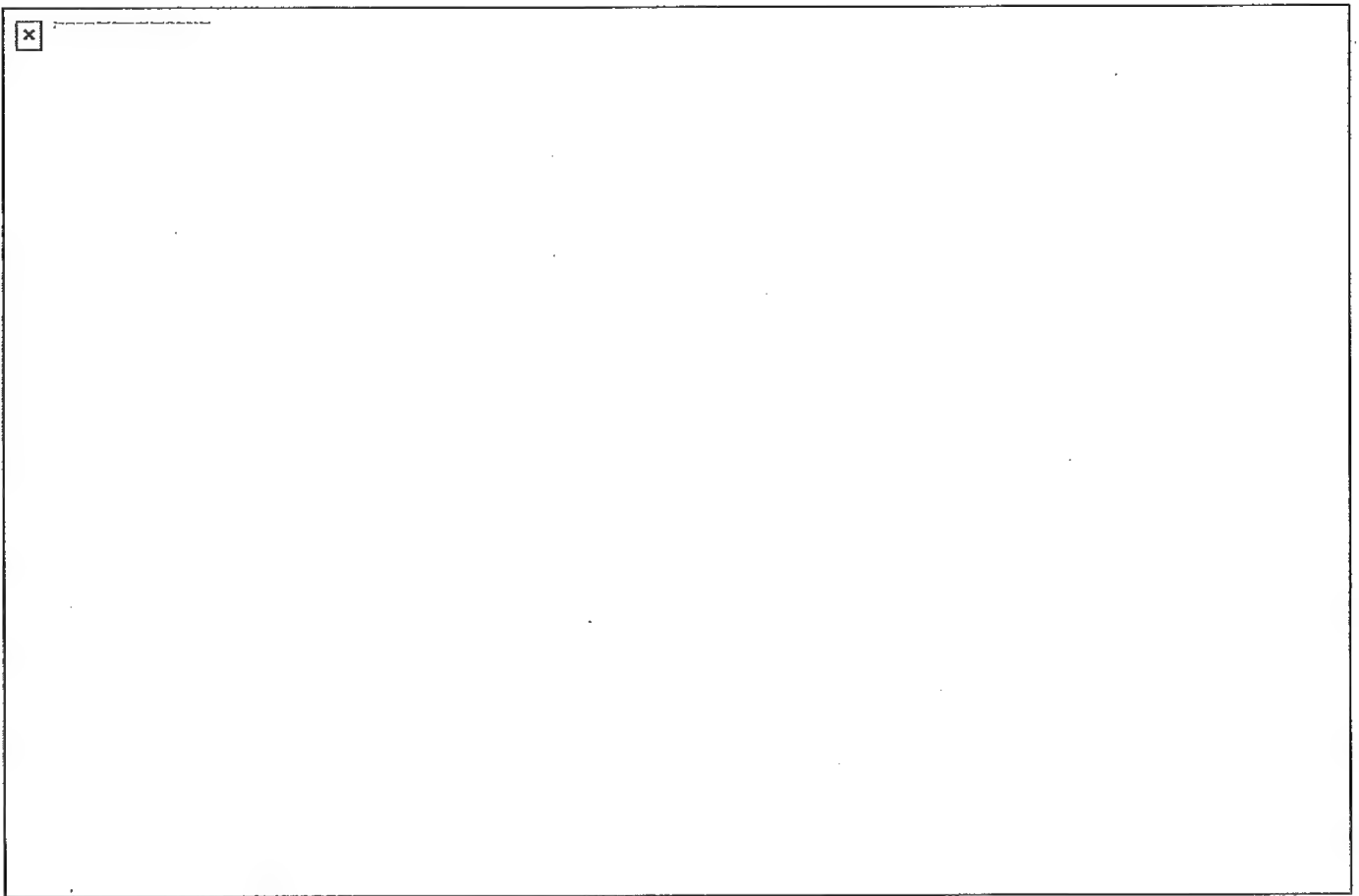


President Donald J. Trump and Vice President Mike Pence pose for a photo with Members of Congress prior to a Renewable Fuel Standards announcement Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018, in the Oval Office of the White House. (Official White House Photo by Joyce N. Boghosian)

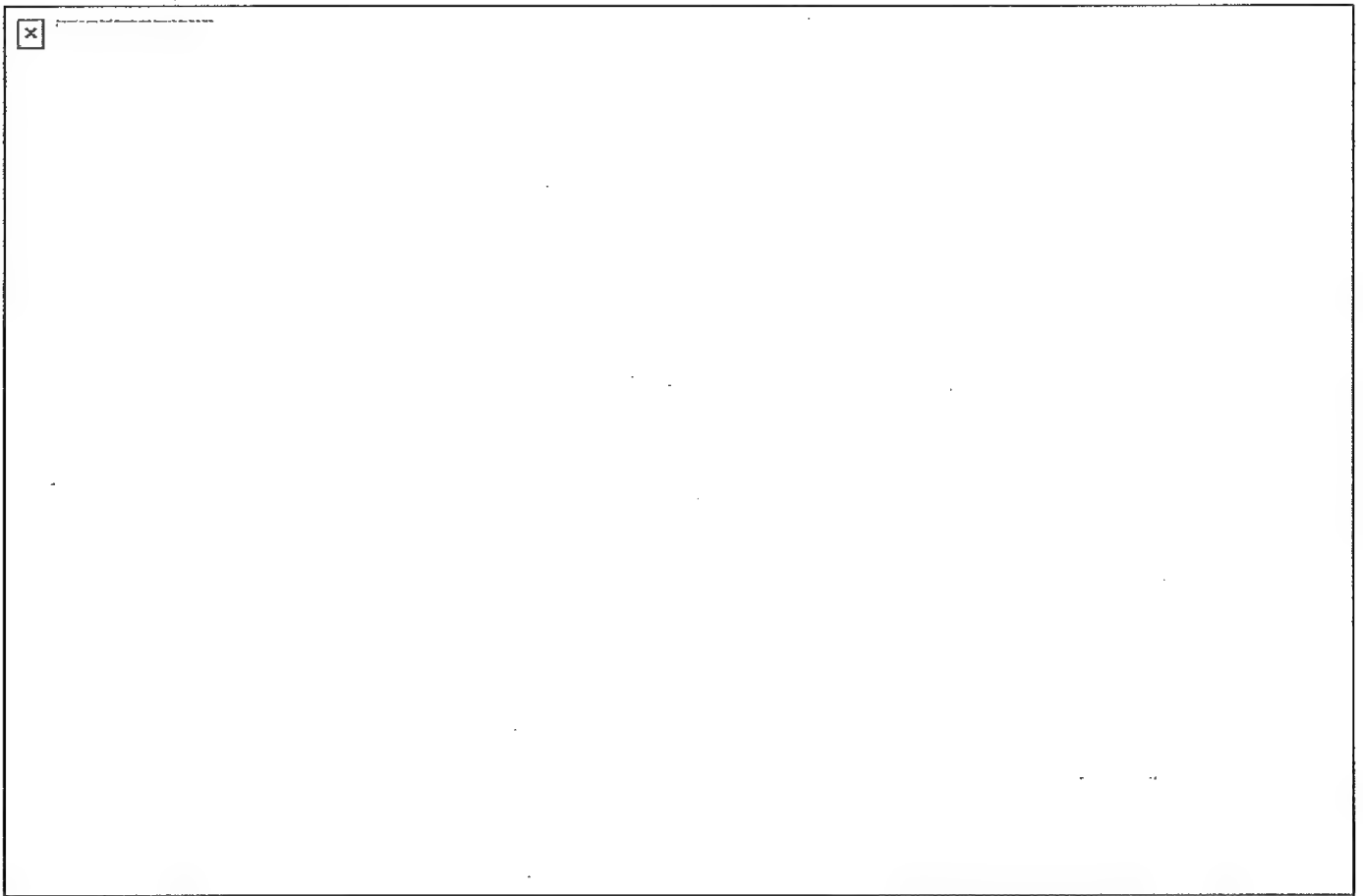


Mrs. Karen Pence delivers remarks at the Association of the United States Army annual meeting  
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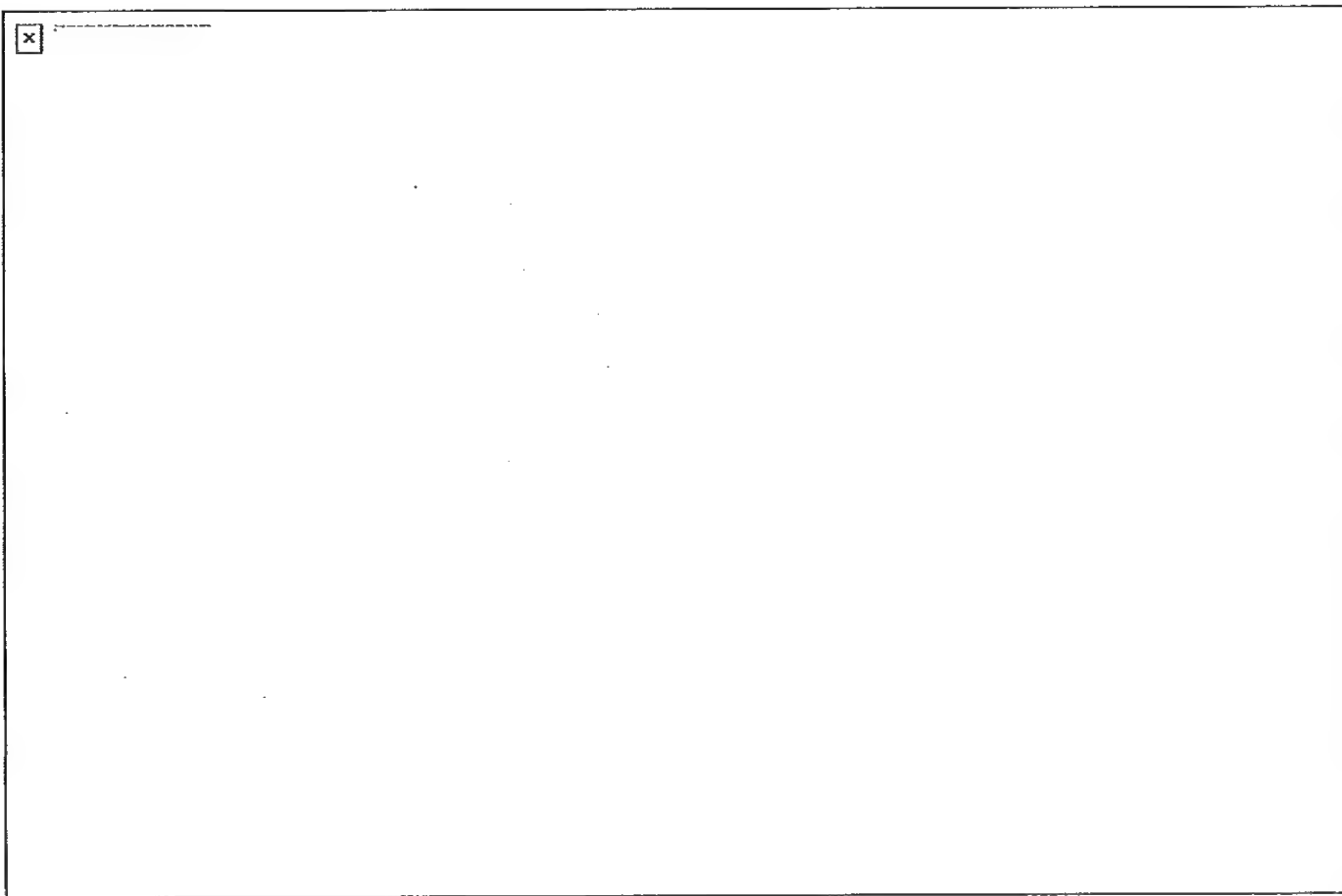
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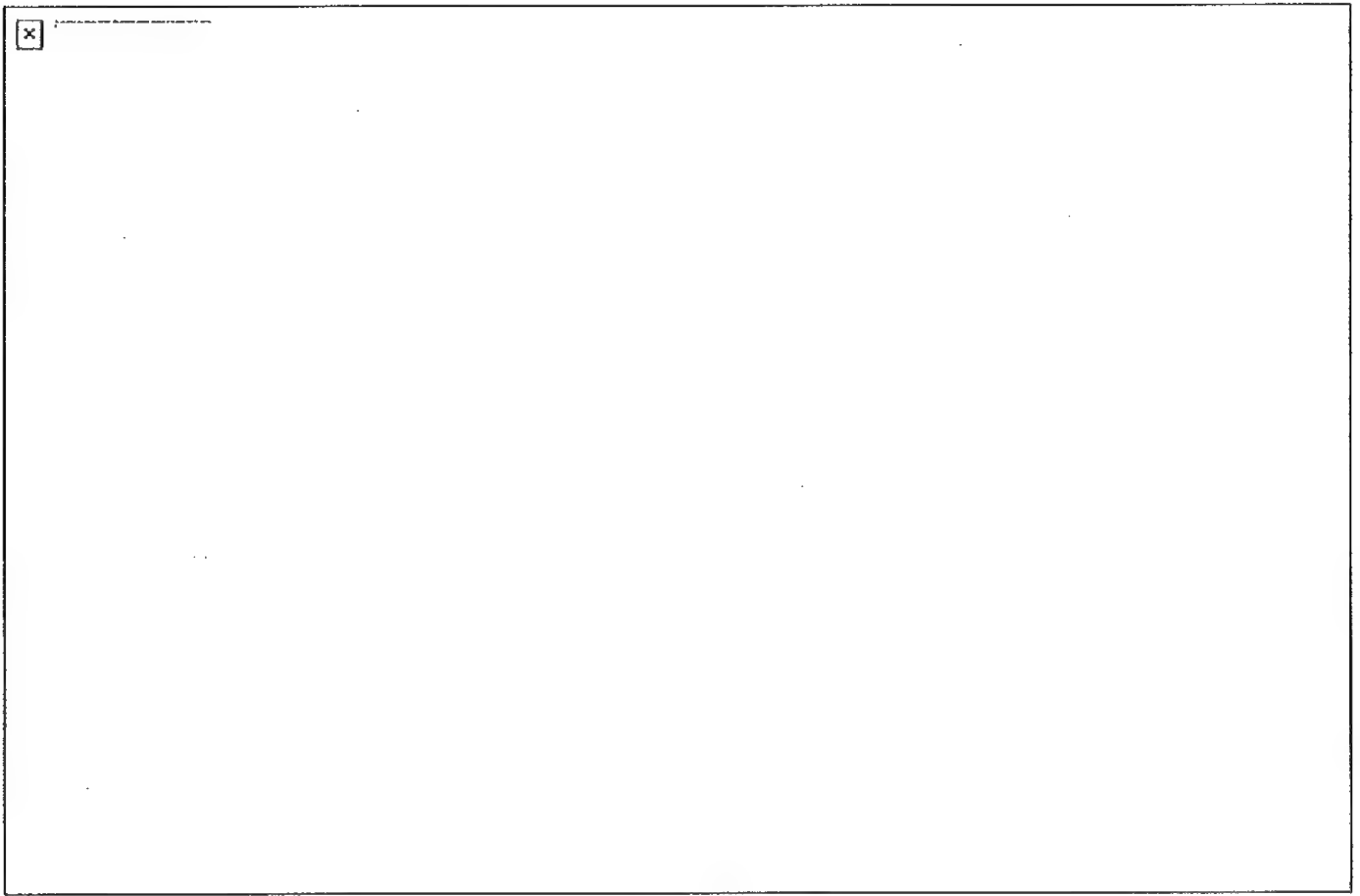
President Donald J. Trump signs S. 2553, the "Know the Lowest Price Act" and S. 2554, the "Patient Right to Know Drug Prices Act," Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018, in the Roosevelt Room of the White House. (Official White House Photo by Shealah Craighead)



President Donald J. Trump speaks with reporters in the Oval Office of the White House Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018, to discuss the possible impact of Hurricane Michael to Florida and the southeast region of the United States. (Official White House Photo by Shealah Craighead)

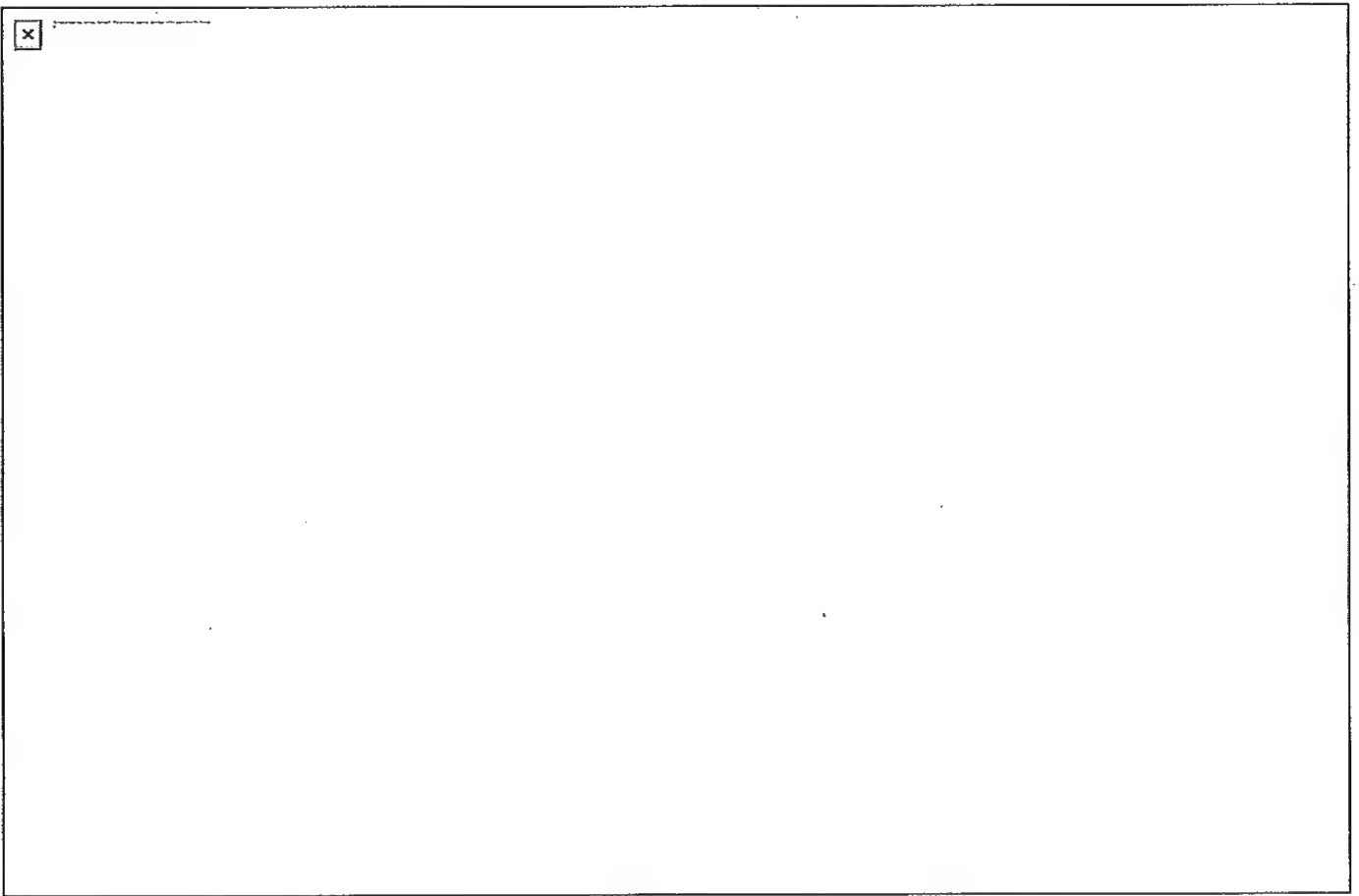


President Donald J. Trump, aboard Air Force One, Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018, is seen on the phone with Gov. Kay Ivey of Alabama about the latest impact update on Hurricane Michael. (Official White House Photo by Joyce N. Boghosian)

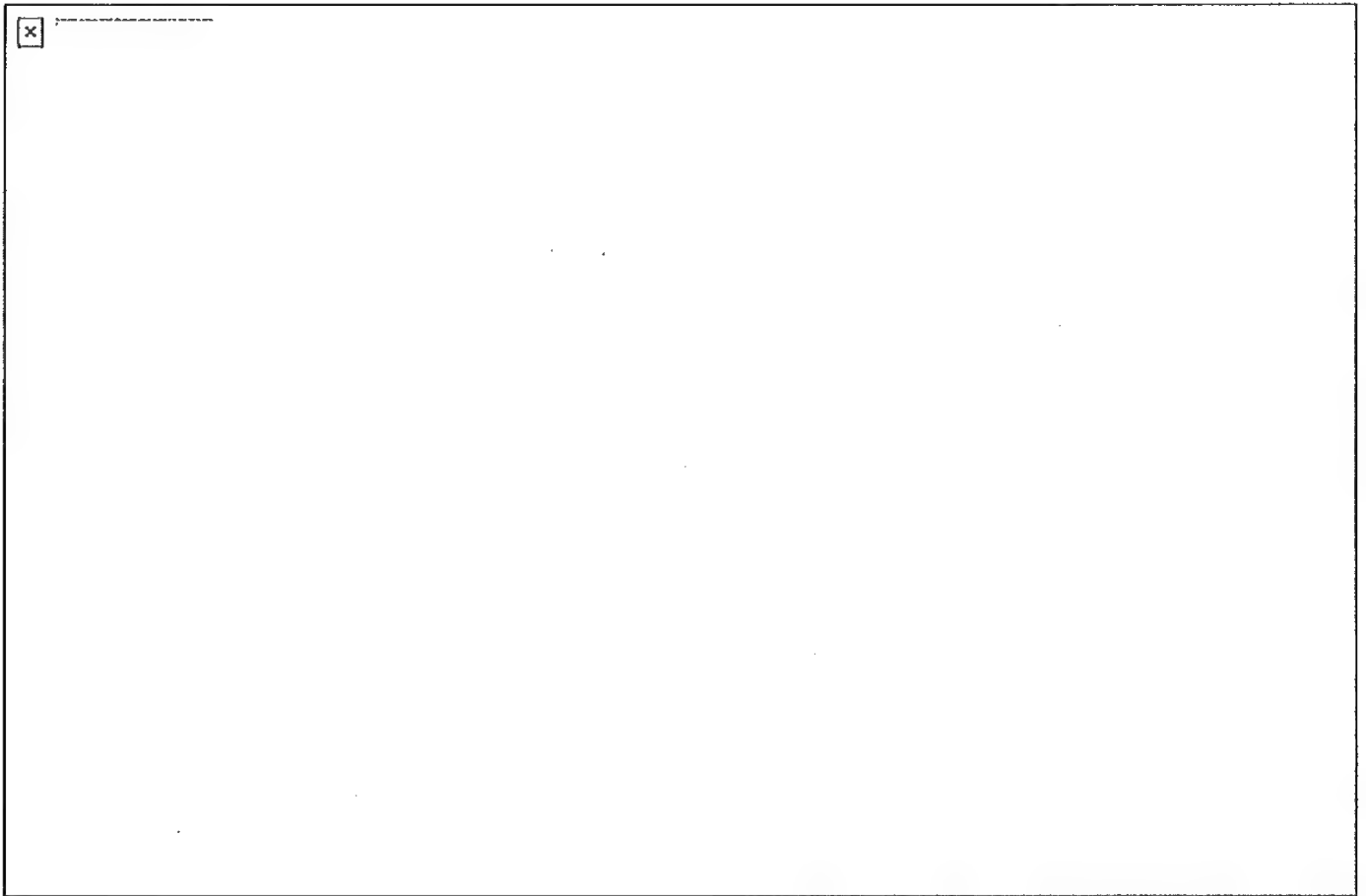


President Donald J. Trump speaks to reporters upon his arrival to Erie International Airport in Erie, Pa., Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018. (Official White House Photo by Joyce N. Boghosian)

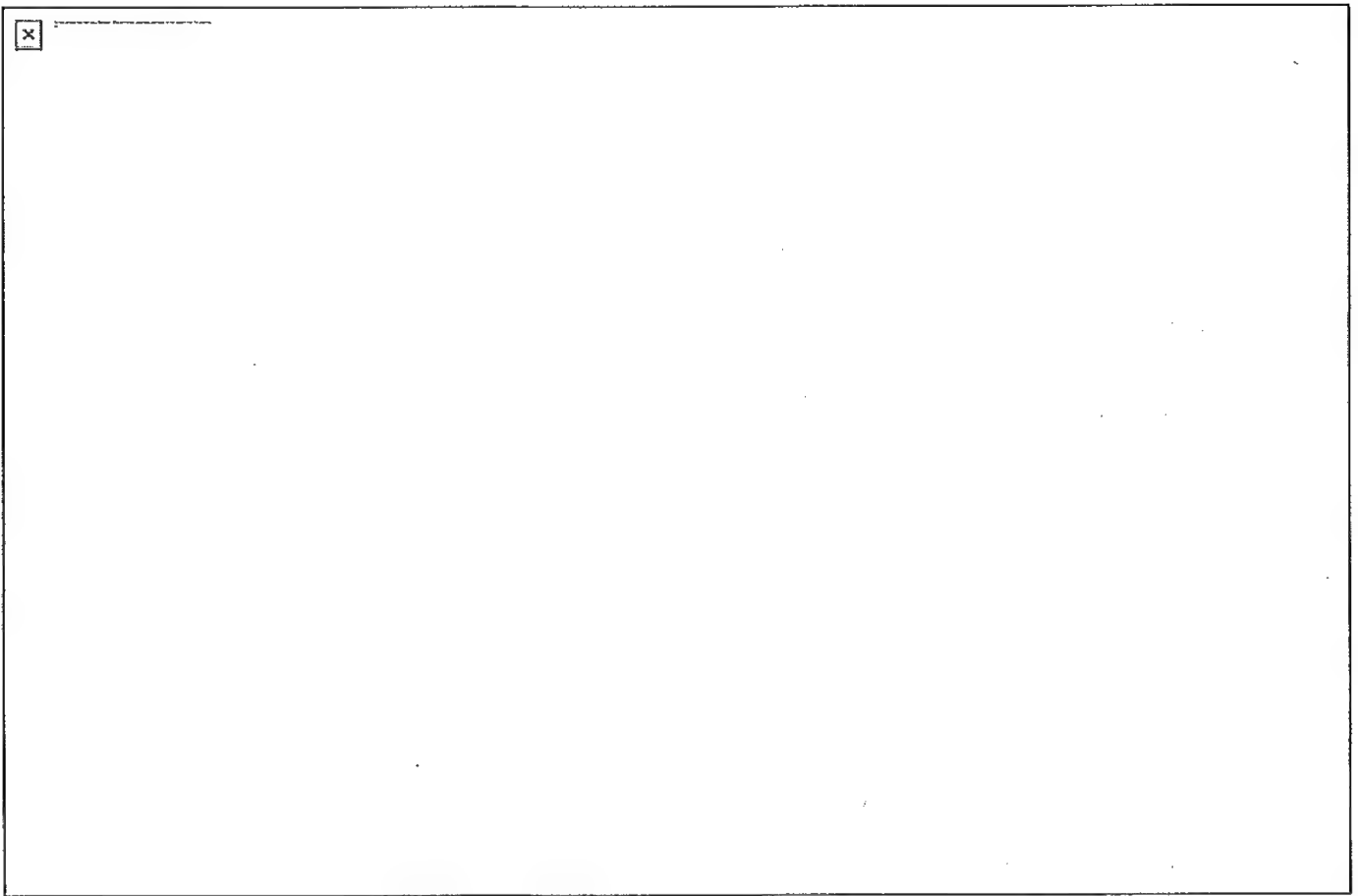
Thursday, October 11, 2018



President Donald J. Trump displays his signature after signing into law H.R. 1551, the "Orrin G. Hatch-Bob Goodlatte Music Modernization Act," Thursday, Oct. 11, 2018, in the Roosevelt Room of the White House. (Official White House Photo by Joyce N. Boghosian)



President Donald J. Trump meets with Kanye West and NFL Hall of Famer Jim Brown Thursday, Oct. 11, 2018, in the Oval Office of the White House. (Official White House Photo by Joyce N. Boghosian)



President Donald J. Trump, joined by reporters, meets with Kanye West and NFL Hall of Famer Jim Brown Thursday, Oct. 11, 2018, in the Oval Office of the White House. (Official White House Photo by Joyce N. Boghosian)

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October 11, 2018

NOMINATION SENT TO THE SENATE:

Douglas J. Strike, of Iowa, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Iowa for the term of four years, vice Kenneth James Runde, term expired.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2018

**In-Town Pool**

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**EDT**

**9:00AM** In-Town Pool Call Time

**2:00PM** Out-of-Town Pool Call Time

**11:30AM** THE PRESIDENT receives his intelligence briefing

*Oval Office*

*Closed Press*

**2:50PM** THE PRESIDENT departs the White House en route to Joint Base Andrews

*South Lawn*

*Open Press*

**3:00PM THE PRESIDENT arrives at Joint Base Andrews**

*Joint Base Andrews*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**3:10PM THE PRESIDENT departs Washington, D.C., en route to Cincinnati, OH**

*Joint Base Andrews*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**4:35PM THE PRESIDENT arrives at Cincinnati Municipal Lunken Airport**

*Cincinnati, OH*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**5:15PM THE PRESIDENT participates in a roundtable with supporters**

*Cincinnati, OH*

*Closed Press*

**5:55PM THE PRESIDENT departs Cincinnati, OH, en route to Lebanon, OH**

*Cincinnati, OH*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**6:35PM THE PRESIDENT arrives at Warren County Fairgrounds**

*Lebanon, OH*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**7:00PM THE PRESIDENT hosts a Make America Great Again rally**

*Lebanon, OH*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**8:05PM THE PRESIDENT departs Lebanon, OH, en route to Cincinnati, OH**

*Lebanon, OH*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**8:45PM THE PRESIDENT arrives at Cincinnati Municipal Lunken Airport**

*Cincinnati, OH*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**8:55PM THE PRESIDENT departs Cincinnati, OH, en route to Washington, D.C.**

*Cincinnati, OH*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**10:10PM THE PRESIDENT arrives at Joint Base Andrews**

*Joint Base Andrews*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**10:20PM THE PRESIDENT departs Joint Base Andrews en route to the White House**

*Joint Base Andrews*

*Out-of-Town Travel Pool*

**10:30PM THE PRESIDENT arrives the White House**

*South Lawn*

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October 11, 2018

REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRUMP  
IN MEETING WITH KANYE WEST AND JIM BROWN

Oval Office

12:32 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Jon, you know Jim Brown? The greatest of all time.

Q It's an honor, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: And what people don't know, Kanye -- everybody knows, right? Every -- does the world know Kanye? Kanye, what people don't know about Jim -- they say -- first of all, he's the best football player. But they say he was an even better lacrosse player. Do you think so?

MR. BROWN: Never thought about it.

THE PRESIDENT: Huh?

MR. BROWN: Never thought about it.

THE PRESIDENT: I heard he was even -- at Syracuse.

MR. BROWN: I love the game. Yes, I loved it. I loved all the sports.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, it's great to have you, Jim. Great to have

you.

MR. BROWN: It's good to be here, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Kanye, it's great to be with you.

MR. WEST: Great to be here.

THE PRESIDENT: And these are two friends of mine. And Kanye has been a friend of mine for a long time. And Jim is -- Jim came out of nowhere, and he said, "I like what the President is doing." A long time ago we met. Right? And I just appreciated it very much.

And, you know, if you look at the employment numbers, if you look at the median income, if you look at every single indicator, we're keeping our promise, Jim. Thank you. And I want to thank you.

MR. BROWN: And I like North Korea.

THE PRESIDENT: I like North Korea too.

MR. BROWN: (Inaudible.)

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah. Yeah. Well, he's -- turned out to be good. Dialogue. We had a little dialogue. And Secretary of State just came back -- Mike. He just came back from North Korea. We had very good meetings, and we'll meet again. But we're doing good. No more nuclear testing. No more missiles going up. No more nothing. And it's -- that was headed to war. That was headed to war.

MR. BROWN: Yeah. I mean, it was -- to me, it seemed like that.

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah. It was so close. We spoke -- I spoke to President Obama. I will tell you, that was headed to war. And now it's going to be -- I believe it's going to work out very well.

MR. WEST: You stopped the war --

THE PRESIDENT: We really stopped the war. Saved millions of lives. You know, Seoul has 30 million people. You don't realize how big. Thirty million people who are right near the border; 30 miles off the border. Millions of people would have been killed. And I will say, Chairman Kim has been really good. Really good. And we've made a lot of progress.

That's nice that you say that, because that's a big -- that's a big thing. These folks were covering -- they were covering North Korea not -- I think not very promisingly. And there were a lot of

problems. President Obama said that was his biggest problem. And I don't say anything is solved --

MR. WEST: You, day one, solved one of the biggest problems.

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah.

MR. WEST: We solved one of the biggest problems.

THE PRESIDENT: It was a big solving. And not solved yet, but I think we're along -- I think we're on the way.

MR. BROWN: (Inaudible.)

THE PRESIDENT: No, no. It's -- we're well on our way.

MR. BROWN: (Inaudible.)

THE PRESIDENT: In a short period of time, Jim. Very short period of time. You know, I left Singapore three months ago. And we've made a lot of progress. So it's very good. Hey, look, that's one of many things. But I appreciate everything with you.

I'll tell you what -- Kim was in. Mrs. Johnson, we got her out. She was very unfairly treated. And there are many other people like that, that --

MR. WEST: Yeah, we have Larry Hoover's lawyer with us today. And it's a prisoner that was focused on -- he has six life sentences, and they have him next to the Unabomber doing 23 and 1. That means --

THE PRESIDENT: What did he do? Larry? What happened?

MR. MOORE: Why was he in?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, tell me. Tell us.

MR. MOORE: Allegedly, it's for conspiracy from prison -- from state prison. You know, it's alleged. But we do believe even if he did commit those crimes, the sentence was overly broad and too strict.

THE PRESIDENT: What was the sentence?

MR. MOORE: Six consecutive life sentences in the most secure prison in the world, also known as "a clean version of hell," for basically an economic crime.

MR. WEST: What prison is that? Name the prison.

MR. MOORE: ADX supermax, in Florence, Colorado. They house the Unabomber, al Qaeda operatives, mass killers, Oklahoma City bomber, things of that nature.

THE PRESIDENT: How old is he? How old?

MR. MOORE: Sixty-eight.

THE PRESIDENT: Sixty-eight years old?

MR. MOORE: Yes, 68 years old.

MR. WEST: And really, the reason why they imprisoned him is because he started doing positive for the community. He started showing that he actually had power, that he wasn't just one of a monolithic voice, but he could wrap people around.

So there's theories that there's infinite amounts of universe and there's alternate universe. So it's very important for me to get Hoover out, because in an alternate universe, I am him. And I have to go and get him free because he was doing positive inside of Chicago, just like how I'm moving back to Chicago and it's not just about, you know, getting on stage and being an entertainer and having a monolithic voice that's forced to be a specific party.

You know, people expect that if you're black you have to be Democrat. I have a -- I've had conversations that basically said that welfare is the reason why a lot of black people end up being Democrat. They say -- you know, first of all, it's a limited amount of jobs. So the fathers lose the jobs, and they say, "We'll give you more money for having more kids in your home." And then, we got rid of the mental health institutes in the '80s and the '90s, and the prison rates just shot up.

And now you have "Chiraq," what people call "Chiraq" -- which is actually -- our murder rate is going down by 20 percent every year. I just talked to the superintendent; met with Michael Sacks; that's Rahm's right-hand man. So I think it's the bravery that helps you beat this game called life.

You know, they tried to scare me to not wear this hat -- my own friends. But this hat, it gives me -- it gives me power, in a way. You know, my dad and my mom separated, so I didn't have a lot of male energy in my home. And also, I'm married to a family that -- (laughs) -- you know, not a lot of male energy going on. It's beautiful, though. But there's times where, you know, there's something about -- you know, I love Hillary. I love everyone, right? But the campaign "I'm with her" just didn't make me feel, as a guy, that didn't get to see my dad all the time -- like a guy that could play catch with his son. It was

something about when I put this hat on, it made me feel like Superman. You made a Superman. That was my -- that's my favorite superhero. And you made a Superman cape.

For me, also as a guy that looks up to you, looks up to Ralph Lauren, looks up to American industry guys -- non-political, no bullshit -- put the beep on it, however you want to do it, five seconds delay -- and just goes in and gets it done.

Right now, you gave me the heart to go to Adidas. Because at Adidas, when I went in, in 2015, we were a \$14-billion company losing \$2 billion a year. Now we have a \$38-billion market cap. It's called the "Yeezy effect."

And I went to Casper. We had a meeting in Chicago. And I said, "You have to bring manufacturing onshore." And not even shore; into the core. It's not about the border; it's the core of Adidas. And Chicago is the core of Middle America. And we have to make Middle America strong.

So I had the balls -- because I have enough balls to put on this hat. I mean, this Adidas thing made be a billionaire. And I could have lost \$200 million walking away from that deal. But even with that, I knew it was more important for me to take the chance of walking away from that deal than to have no fathers in Chicago with no homes. And when we do have prison reformation, for no -- because it's habilitation, not rehabilitation, because they didn't have the abilities in the first place. We never had anyone that taught us. They didn't teach us. Exactly -- we had no one that "taught" us. Right?

So it's more important than any specific deal -- anything -- that we bring jobs into America, and that we provide a transition with mental health and the Amer-I-Can education curriculum that Jim has worked on. Larry Hoover also has a curriculum that he's worked on. We have Montessori curriculums that we worked on. WeWork has a beautiful curriculum. The Waldorf establishment has a curriculum. We have meditation. There's a lot of things affecting our mental health that makes us do crazy things that puts us back into that trap door called the 13th Amendment.

I did say "abolish" with the hat on. Because why would you keep something around that's a trap door? If you're building a floor -- the Constitution is the base of our industry, right? Of our country, of our company. Would you build a trap door that if you mess up and you -- accidentally something happens, you fall and you end up next to the Unabomber? You end up -- you got to remove all that trap door out of the relationship.

The four gentlemen that wrote the 13th Amendment -- and I think the

way the universe works, it's perfect. We don't have 13 floors, do we? You know, so the four -- the four gentlemen that wrote the 13th Amendment didn't look like the people they were amending. Also at that point, it was illegal for blacks to read -- or African Americans to read. And so that meant if you actually read the Amendment, you would get locked up and turned into a slave.

Again -- so what I think is, we don't need sentences; we need pardons. We need to talk to people. I was diagnosed with bipolar disorder. I was connected with a neuropsychologist that works with the athletes in the NBA and the NFL. And he looked at my brain -- it's equal on three parts. I'm going to go ahead drop some bombs for you -- 98 percentile IQ test. I had a 75 percentile of all human beings, but it was counting eight numbers backwards, (inaudible), so I'm going to work on that one. The other ones, 98 percent -- Tesla, Freud.

So he said that I actually wasn't bipolar; I had sleep deprivation, which could cause dementia 10 to 20 years from now, where I wouldn't even remember my son's name. So all this power that I got, and I'm taking my son to the Sox game and all that, I wouldn't be able to remember his name from a misdiagnosage.

And what we need is, we can empower the pharmaceuticals and make more money. That's one thing -- I've never stepped into a situation where I didn't make people more money. So we can empower pharmaceuticals, we can empower our industries, we can empower our factories. We can bring not only Adidas onshore, we can bring -- Foxconn has set up a factory in, I think, Minnesota.

MR. KUSHNER: Wisconsin.

MR. WEST: Fifty-three thousand --

THE PRESIDENT: Wisconsin. Yeah. Wisconsin.

MR. WEST: Yeah. Wisconsin. They have 4,000 jobs. People making \$53,000 a year. And one of the things we got to set is Ford to have the highest design. The dopest cars. The most amazing. I don't really say "dope." I don't say negative words and try to flip them. We just say positive, lovely, divine universal words. So the flyest, freshest, most amazing car.

And what we want to start with is -- I brought a gift with me right here. This right here is the iPlanel. It's a hydrogen-powered airplane. And this is what our President should be flying in. Look at this, Jared. (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: We'll get rid of Air Force One. Can we get rid of Air Force One? (Laughter.) No? You don't like that idea.

MR. WEST: Well, we're going to have Apple, an American company, work on this plane with --

But you know what I don't like about -- it's not that I don't like -- what I need Saturday Night Live to improve on, or what I need the liberals to improve on is, if he don't look good, we don't look good. This is our President.

THE PRESIDENT: It's true.

MR. WEST: He has to be the freshest, the flyest, the flyest planes, the best factories. And we have to make our core be in power. We have to bring jobs into America because our best export is entertainment and ideas. But when we make everything in China and not in America, then we're cheating on our country and we're putting people in positions to have to do illegal things to end up in a cheapest factory ever: the prison system.

THE PRESIDENT: I'll tell you what -- that was pretty impressive, folks. (Laughter.) You know, I hate to say this -- Jim, do you want to say something? (Laughter.) What do you after that?

PARTICIPANT: You don't mind if I --

THE PRESIDENT: You are -- please, Jim. Please.

MR. BROWN: If he doesn't look good, we don't look good.

THE PRESIDENT: Great, right? Isn't that a great statement?

MR. BROWN: Yes, it is.

THE PRESIDENT: And it's so true.

MR. BROWN: Makes a lot of sense.

THE PRESIDENT: As a country. It's -- very -- I've never seen Jim Brown impressed before. (Laughter.) He was impressed. That's true. That statement is amazing, huh?

MR. BROWN: Yeah, yeah. It makes a lot of sense.

THE PRESIDENT: I want to say it's great to have you guys here. And we're going to go and we're going to have some lunch.

That was quite something. That was quite something.

MR. WEST: It was from the soul. I just channeled it.

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah.

Q Can I just ask a quick question of Kanye?

THE PRESIDENT: Really very interesting.

Yes, yeah. Please.

Q So you had said, of President Bush, that he doesn't care about black people. And you've heard some people say that about this President. What do you -- how do you respond to that? What do you make of that?

MR. WEST: I think we need to care about all people. And I believe that when I went on to NBC, I was very emotional, and I was programmed to think from a victimized mentality. A welfare mentality.

I think that with blacks and African Americans, we really get caught up in the idea of racism over the idea of industry. We say if people don't have land, they settle for brands. We want Polo-sporting Obama again. We want a brand more than we want land. Because we've haven't known how it feels to actually have our own land and have ownership of our own blocks.

So when you don't have ownership, then it's all about how something looks. It's about the patina; it's not about the soul, it's not about the core. So we focus more on, is somebody wearing something; is someone disrespecting so I got to shoot them. Or the idea of someone being racist.

You know, we talk about police murders, which we definitely have to discuss, and we have to bring nobility to the police officers and make -- the police officers are just like us. But there's this whole hate-building, right? And that's a major thing about racial tension.

And we also, as black people, we have to take a responsibility for what we're doing. We kill each other more than police officers. And that's not saying that the police officer is not is not an issue, because they are in a place -- a position of power. But sometimes they're in a place of law enforcement. They need to be law-power. It's force versus power. And when you -- you shouldn't have to force people to do that.

So a lot of times the police officer is sitting there, they're being forced to do this and forced to do that block. And then they force somebody into something and force into something. We have to release the love throughout the entire country and give opportunities. A lot of times it's just the overall lack of reparations

that we, at any given point, we say, "Oh, this is racist. This is racist. This is racist. This is racist."

So we don't have reparations, but we have the 13th Amendment. We got to open up the whole conversation. So -- and that's a move. One of the moves that I love that liberals try to do -- the liberal would try to control a black person through the concept of racism, because they know that we are very proud, emotional people. So when I said "I like Trump" to, like, someone that's liberal, they'll say, "Oh, but he's racist." You think racism could control me? Oh, that don't stop me. That's an invisible wall.

Q But you don't think -- you reject those who say he's racist?

MR. WEST: On your question -- and you had one question; we're going to do it to another question.

Q (Laughs.) Okay.

MR. WEST: I answered your question. I don't answer questions in simple soundbites. You are tasting a fine wine. It has multiple notes to it. (Laughter.) You better play 4D chess with me like it's Minority Report. Because it ain't that simple. It's complex.

Q When would you like -- I'm from the Chicago Sun Times, sir. I would like to know what you would like to ask President Trump to do for Chicago. You're here to talk about crime in Chicago.

MR. WEST: The thing that the head of the police and Mike Sacks met with me last night at the Soho House about was we feel that "stop and frisk" does not help the relationships in the city. And everyone that knew I was coming here said, "Ask about stop and frisk." That's the number-one thing that we're having this conversation about.

Another thing is opening up industries. And we've got to get some tax breaks too. Because we're making -- we got a Speedfactory in Atlanta, but the shoes are costing us \$300, so it's costing us too much to make things.

So we need some prototypes here so we can get people back working, so China can't just beat us and Vietnam can't beat us. You got Levi's, the greatest jeans company in the world, making their jeans in Vietnam.

So we're going to need to get a few breaks to be able to have some places in my hometown of Chicago, and 2.7 million to the 9 million surrounding suburbs where we can create some factories.

Now, I think it would be cool for them to be Trump factories, because he's a master of industry. He's a builder. And I think it

would be cool to have Yeezy ideation centers, which would be a mix of education that empowers people and gives them modern information like -- sometimes people say, "This kid has ADD. This kid has ADD." He don't have ADD. School is boring. It was boring. It's not as exciting as this. We have to make it more exciting. We have to mix curriculums.

You play basketball while you're doing math. You learn about music while you meditate in the morning. We have to instate mental health and art programs back into the city. So those are --

And also, Larry Hoover is an example of a man that was turning his life around, and as soon as he tried to turn his life around, they hit him with six life sentences. So I believe he's -- you say don't tear down the statues? Larry Hoover is a living statue. He's a beacon for us that needs to see his family; that needs to go out and represent. When you have a block leader on every single block, they can own the block as their own. That's something I learned from Jim Brown, from "Amer-I-Can."

We need to put curriculums for people who really came from the streets, not people who were just trying to set us up to go into a work system or prison system that applies to what people are really going through, which Jim Brown has created.

Q What about gun violence? With all the debate about the Second Amendment going on, how do you fix that?

MR. WEST: The problem is illegal guns. Illegal guns is the problem, not legal guns. We have the right to bear arms.

Q President Trump has said that he favors "stop and frisk." Are guys going to be discussing that? Do you think you can change his mind?

MR. WEST: Yeah. We're going to discuss that. I didn't mean to put you on blast like that, bro, but --

THE PRESIDENT: No, no. It's okay. (Laughter.)

MR. WEST: But this is definitely a --

THE PRESIDENT: Hey, I'm open-minded. I'm here. I am open-minded.

Q Mr. President, would you like him to speak at one of your rallies?

THE PRESIDENT: He can speak for me anytime he wants. He's been a great guy. He's a smart cookie. Smart. He gets it. These two guys -- Jim Brown. He's been doing this for a long time.

MR. BROWN: Yes, sir.

Q Is this a future presidential candidate?

THE PRESIDENT: Could very well be.

MR. WEST: Only after him. It'll be 2024.

THE PRESIDENT: Could very well be. That's good. I'm glad to hear that.

MR. WEST: We have a good -- and the thing is, let's stop worrying about the future. All we really have is today. We just have today. Over and over and over again, the eternal return. The hero's journey. And Trump is on his hero's journey right now. And he might not have expected to have a crazy motherfucker like Kanye West run up and support, but best believe we are going to make America great.

Now, the thing is my -- another thing is black people have an issue with the word "again." And I believe -- my feeling from that is because I'm going to throw -- I'm going to go all the way, (inaudible), because time is a myth. All we have is now. All we have is today.

So the word "again" -- it doesn't hurt us because the idea of racism and slavery, different things; it hurts us because we need to focus on who we are now, today, I believe.

So I actually brought some hats in that have a bit of a transition. I'm not trying to put you -- (inaudible) in the spot a little bit. I made a hat that says "Make America Great." Just that.

But I would love to see, at the Super Bowl, Trump wearing the "Make America Great" hat; Colin making -- wearing the "Make America Great," and showing that we can bend a bit on this side, we can bend a bit on this side, and we can learn how to be malleable in the infinite universe that we are and the loving beings that we are. That we don't have to stick to our own traditions. And we aren't a side. We are one unit. We are one country. We are one moment in history and time. We might have been here before, but right now we're here together. And our greatest value that people have are other people. And we need to stop working on (inaudible). It's like gang again.

THE PRESIDENT: Let me ask you this question. You're in the Oval Office --

MR. WEST: Okay. (Laughs.)

THE PRESIDENT: How does it feel to be in the Oval Office?

MR. WEST: Oh, it is good energy in this.

THE PRESIDENT: Isn't it good energy?

MR. WEST: It's good energy.

THE PRESIDENT: It's a great place. Jim, how do you feel?

MR. BROWN: I feel good. I truly feel good. And thank you, too.

THE PRESIDENT: You are so respected. And what Kanye is doing has been incredible. All over the world they're talking about this. And I have to tell you, I had important meetings today with senators and with everything. Nobody cared. They wanted this meeting. This is the meeting. Is that right? I can say that to Jon.

Q We care about other stuff, too.

THE PRESIDENT: The others were good, right? But this is what they want.

MR. BROWN: (Inaudible) honor you would be here.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, it's my honor, Jim. I want to tell you. I've been a fan of yours for a long time.

MR. BROWN: Well, thank you very much.

THE PRESIDENT: Long time. Nobody like you. Nobody like you. No athlete like you.

MR. BROWN: Well, you know why I'm here? I'm here to serve.

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah. That's really nice, Jim.

MR. BROWN: I'm not here to ask of anything. (Inaudible.)

THE PRESIDENT: And you know, that's always been the way Jim has been -- for a long time. And he just wanted to help. And it's something special.

Jennifer, did you have a question?

Q I guess -- just you -- what do you feel about stop and frisk? Are you going to, you know --

THE PRESIDENT: Well, we're going to look at it.

Q -- back-track on your comment (inaudible)?

THE PRESIDENT: I'm open to everything. Hey, look, I think it's a shame what's happening in Chicago.

Q And what else can be done in Chicago?

THE PRESIDENT: I'm in Chicago a lot, too. I have nice things in Chicago. You know that, right? And I hate to see what's happening. They're having numbers -- the numbers of people being shot and killed and it's -- it's not for this country. So they have to do something. And I am totally open. If we can do it a different way, Kanye, I'm totally open. I mean, we all agree they have to do something, that's for sure.

Q Mr. President, is it a law enforcement issue? A legislation -- a legislative issue?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, maybe it's a combination of both. Yeah, I guess it is. But I think it's probably a combination of both. And it's also a respect issue. They respect this guy. They respect this guy. That's a big thing. Right now, they're not respecting, let's say, your mayor, or let's say your leadership in Chicago. But certainly it shouldn't be happening. What's going on there should not be happening.

Steve? Go ahead.

Q Sir, what do you want this meeting to lead to in terms of prison reform?

THE PRESIDENT: Honestly, from our standpoint, this was just set up to be a lunch of two people that I like. And I guess they like me. And we're going to have lunch. We're going to talk.

MR. WEST: You said -- you said, I guess, you know I love you.

THE PRESIDENT: I know.

MR. WEST: Did I --

THE PRESIDENT: But I don't want to take -- I don't want to put you in that spot, but --

MR. WEST: No, I'm standing in that spot. I love this guy right here. Let me give this guy a hug right here. (Laughter.) I love this guy right here.

THE PRESIDENT: That's really nice. Come here. That's really nice. And that's from the heart. I didn't want to put you in that

position. (Laughter.) But that's from the heart. Special guy.

These two are special people. Whether you like it, whether you don't like it, they're special people. And I appreciate it. Jim, Kanye, I appreciate it. So let's go have some lunch.

Thank you all very much.

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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

I have signed into law S. 3508, the "Save Our Seas Act of 2018" (the "Act"). The Act strengthens the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Marine Debris Program for 5 years, increases safety in the maritime industry, and promotes interagency and international action to reduce the amount of marine debris.

It, however, raises constitutional concerns. Sections 206(b), 208(a)(1), and 216 of the Constitution dictate the position of the United States in external foreign affairs, and section 208(a)(2) reports to require an update to certain congressional committees on the progress of international relations. My Administration will treat these provisions in a manner consistent with the President's constitutional authority as the sole representative of the Nation in foreign affairs, and with the President's constitutional authority to withhold information protected by executive privilege, the disclosure would impair foreign relations.

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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

Today, I have signed into law H.R. 1551, the "Orrin G. Hatch-Bob Goodlatte Music Modernization Act". I am pleased to sign this landmark legislation, which provides critical updates to copyright law to reflect the realities of music licensing in the digital age and to better reward artists and producers for the online use of their music.

One provision, section 102, authorizes the board of directors of the designated mechanical licensing collective to adopt bylaws for the selection of new directors subsequent to the initial designation of the collective and its directors by the Register of Copyrights and with the approval of the Librarian of Congress (Librarian). Because the directors are inferior officers under the Appointments Clause of the Constitution, the Librarian must approve each subsequent selection of a new director. I expect that the Register of Copyrights will work with the collective, once it has been designated, to ensure that the Librarian retains the ultimate authority, as required by the Constitution, to appoint and remove all directors.

Another provision, section 105, calls on the executive branch to give the Congress advance notice of the filing of any motion to lift a consent decree involving a performing rights society. In accordance with section 105, my Administration will strive to provide the Congress with notice in advance of such filings. Consistent with the separation of powers and my constitutional responsibility to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, however, my Administration does not understand section 105 to require advance notice in the unusual cases when immediate action related to litigation is required.

DONALD J. TRUMP

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On Thursday, October 11, 2018, the President signed into law:

H.R. 1551, the "Orrin G. Hatch-Bob Goodlatte Music Modernization Act," which creates a compulsory blanket licensing system for music recordings, updates the rate standards applicable to music licensing, provides copyright royalties to pre-1972 artists, and provides compensation to producers, mixers, and sound engineers;

S. 2269, the "Global Food Security Reauthorization Act of 2017," which extends authorities of the Global Food Security Act of 2016;

S. 3354, the "Missing Children's Assistance Act of 2018," which reauthorizes, through fiscal year 2023, the Justice Department's grants related to missing children, including the grant to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children;

S. 3508, the "Save Our Seas Act of 2018," which reauthorizes the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Marine Debris Program through fiscal year 2022; promotes international action to reduce marine debris; strengthens certain Coast Guard requirements to promote safety in the maritime industry; and authorizes the establishment of a Coast Guard Blue Technology center of expertise; and

S. 3509, the "Congressional Award Program Reauthorization Act of 2018," which retroactively reauthorizes the Congressional Award Board, effective October 1, 2018, until October 1, 2023, which administers the Congressional Awards Program to recognize the achievements of young people.

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REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRUMP  
AT SIGNING OF S. 3508, THE "SAVE OUR SEAS ACT of 2018"

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THE PRESIDENT: Okay. Thank you very much. I very much appreciate your being here. We have hurricane reports on Hurricane Michael. Unbelievably destructive, powerful.

The one good thing we can say -- we were just discussing -- is that it was the fastest hurricane anybody has seen. It just was speedy. If it wasn't, there would be absolutely nothing left. It was incredibly powerful. You've seen the destruction.

It's moving through Georgia now at a much lesser pace both in terms of speed and in terms of its power -- 50, 60-mile-an-hour winds. But some of those winds reached almost 200 miles an hour, which is unheard of. People are saying it's the third most powerful that they've seen hit our country anywhere.

We've done -- I'll tell you, FEMA has gotten rave reviews. The first responders, law enforcement -- everybody has gotten rave reviews. I just spoke with Governor Scott. They're very happy. Food is being now -- following the hurricane -- being now brought in. We have unbelievable large amounts of water and food and everything that people can want.

The electric companies have been terrific. They're already working. The roads are being cleared out. Many trees are in the path of the electric companies.

The roads are being cleaned right now. They're being -- for the

most part, they're open enough to get the electric companies in. And a lot of electricity is already back on. Some of the off electricity is already back on. That's in Florida. They're following up in Georgia.

A lot of water will be in North and South Carolina, added to the horrible situation they had with Florence two weeks ago. But they're incredible people and they know how to do it. They've done it before and they'll do it again. But they know how to do it.

So we've had great reports in everything. The only -- the big problem with this hurricane was the tremendous power. And fortunately, it was very fast. It went through Florida very, very quickly. It didn't linger. It didn't come back as we had in Texas, where it actually came back a second time and then a third time. It went out, filled up, came back. This one went very quickly. But it's tremendous destruction in the areas where it -- the path that it chose is incredible, the kind of destruction. We've not seen destruction like that in a long time.

But it's -- the rebuilding, I can actually say -- the rebuilding process and the survivor-looking process, we hope we don't have too much of that. The area most affected was, hopefully, 100 percent evacuated, but there's always somebody that stays. And in this case, they would have been in big trouble.

But so far, the reports, as you know, are very good. So I want to thank you for that.

And I don't know if you have any questions on the hurricane. Does anybody have any questions?

Q Do you have enough time to focus on the hurricane? You have a very busy day at the White House. Obviously, Kanye West is here and --

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah, I do. I have a very busy day today. We're doing -- as you know, we're doing -- having to do with copyright music. We're doing, right now, the Save Our Seas Act of 2018, which is a very important thing. But I -- and yesterday I had a tremendous rally in Pennsylvania, and we had thousands of people lined up. And I just couldn't -- you couldn't tell those people -- and they were there for a day and a half before.

And I couldn't tell people that had been standing in line for a day and a half, wanting to get into the arena, that I'm not going. I went there. We had great control over what we were doing both on Air Force One, at the White House, and in Florida.

And I think you're seeing we're getting tremendous marks for the job that we did. And I wasn't going to disappoint thousands and thousands of people who have been standing in line for, in some cases, a day and a half. I wasn't going to do that.

But I think we've really, really done a job. This is a particularly busy day because we're signing a number of bills. Very different kinds of bills. So you'll be seeing me a little while later, I think with a couple of the senators standing behind me right now. And you'll be seeing me and us in a little while.

And we're having lunch with Jim Brown, one of the great football players of all time and a great guy, and Kanye West. He's coming in -- they're coming in for lunch. And after that, we're doing some additional interesting things.

But we have a busy day. But I always have a busy day.

And the economy is doing really well. Jobs are looking -- we think jobs are going to be better than ever. And we think records are broken already, but we're going to continue to break the records.

So let's talk about the Save Our Seas Act, if we could. And again, thank you all for being here. I want to thank also the members of Congress that are with us. That's Senator Dan Sullivan, who's been absolutely terrific; worked along with Sheldon Whitehouse. And these two have been spearheading something that's very important, and we want to thank you both.

Sheldon, thank you very much.

SENATOR WHITEHOUSE: Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. We appreciate it. Really do. I know you worked very hard on that.

SENATOR WHITEHOUSE: Worked well together.

THE PRESIDENT: And, Mr. Sullivan, thank you very much for being here. We appreciate it very much.

We have Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross who worked along with the senators, and Acting NOAA Administrator Admiral Tim Gallaudet. You're here, and thank you for being here, Tim. Thank you very much. Great job you're doing.

Every year, over 8 million tons of garbage is dumped into our beautiful oceans by many countries of the world. That includes China, that includes Japan, and that includes many, many countries.

This waste, trash, and debris harms not only marine life, but also fishermen, coastal economies along America's vast stretches. The bad news is it floats toward us. I've seen pictures recently, and some of you have seen them, where there's -- a vast, tremendous, unthinkable amount of garbage is floating right into our coast, in particular along the West Coast.

And we're charged with removing it, which is a very unfair situation. It comes from other countries very far away. It takes six months and a year to float over, but it gets here, and it's a very unfair situation. It's also unbelievably bad for the oceans.

Every year, over 8 million tons of garbage is dumped into our beautiful oceans. And when you think of that number -- I mean, to think 8 million tons -- and I would say it's probably -- Senators, I think it's probably more than that, based on what I've seen and based on the kind of work that I've seen being done.

This dumping has happened for years and even for decades. Previous administrations did absolutely nothing to take on the foreign countries responsible. We've already notified most of them and we've notified them very strongly.

The Save Our Seas Act will help address this problem by extending the Marine Debris Program for five additional years. We also are strengthening that up to improve waste management overseas and clean up our nation's water. We will boost the federal government's response to ocean waste by authorizing the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to declare severe marine debris events, which happen all the time. It's incredible. It's incredible when you look at it. People don't realize it, but all the time we're being inundated by debris from other countries.

This legislation will release funds to states for cleanup and for response efforts. And we will be responding and very strongly.

The legislation also encourages the executive branch to engage with those nations responsible for dumping garbage into our oceans. My administration is doing exactly that. For example, the new United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement is the first U.S. trade agreement ever to include commitments by the parties to cooperate to address land- and sea-based pollution and improve waste management.

And I can tell you that Dan and Sheldon were very insistent on trying to get that into the USMCA, the new agreement that we have with Canada and Mexico. And we'll be putting it into other agreements also.

The United States has some of the most beautiful beaches and oceans in the world, and the coastlines are incredible. As President, I will continue to do everything I can to stop other nations from making our oceans into their landfills. That's why I'm pleased -- very pleased, I must say -- to put my signature on this important legislation.

And again, I'd like to thank Dan and Sheldon, and all of the people -- the Admiral and Wilbur -- all of the people that worked so hard on this. This was a tough one, but it had great bipartisan support.

What was the final vote?

SENATOR SULLIVAN: It was unanimous consent in the Senate.

THE PRESIDENT: Unanimous.

SENATOR SULLIVAN: Yes, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: Bipartisan. Did you ever think, Jon, you'd hear that? Bipartisan.

Q It's unusual to see Sheldon Whitehouse here.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, that's pretty good. Can you imagine Trump and Whitehouse in the same area? It's all right. Hey, I have a lot of respect.

SENATOR SULLIVAN: And what the President said about the administration -- the Trump administration -- doing a great job on this, it's an underreported story but they are really taking the lead globally. And, Mr. President, we want to thank you for (inaudible) very bipartisan.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I want to thank you, and I want to thank Sheldon. Thank you. Come here, Sheldon. See, we can shake hands.

SENATOR SULLIVAN: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you very much.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Wilbur. Thank you. Admiral, thank you. All right. Let's get this done properly here.

(The bill is signed.)

So with that, we're all completed. And I just want to say it's an honor. And hopefully that goes a long way for our oceans.

We've notified other countries that have been abusers. They abuse the ocean. We have notified them already about this. And they're doing things. They tell us they're doing things. And I think some cases at least they are. But they will be.

And I want to thank you very much.

SENATOR WHITEHOUSE: Thank you, Mr. President. The Philippines is up next, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, that's right.

SENATOR WHITEHOUSE: The Philippines is up next. They're one of the worst three.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, that's right. That's going to be interesting.

SENATOR WHITEHOUSE: So, thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: So you're working on that?

SENATOR WHITEHOUSE: We are.

THE PRESIDENT: That's very good.

SENATOR WHITEHOUSE: With your trade team on the Philippine trade agreement. We'll make sure this is part of that.

THE PRESIDENT: We're okay with that. I understand. A lot comes from there.

Yes.

Q Mr. President, what exactly is the U.S. doing to investigate the missing Saudi journalist? You said there were U.S. investigators over there.

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, we're looking at it.

Q Could you explain what exactly that means?

THE PRESIDENT: We're looking at it very strongly. We'll be having a report out soon. We're working with Turkey, we're working with Saudi Arabia. What happened is a terrible thing, assuming that happened. I mean, maybe we'll be pleasantly surprised, but somehow I tend to doubt it. And we take it very seriously.

Q Does the U.S. have any kind of responsibility to warn him if (inaudible) were picked up?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, it's not our country. It's in Turkey, and it's not a citizen, as I understand it. But a thing like that shouldn't happen. It is a reporter with the Washington Post, and it's -- something like that should not be allowed to happen. Something like that should not happen. And we intend to get to the bottom of it.

Yes.

Q Mr. President, you have talked a little bit about the markets. The markets are down again, today. How long do you think this correction, which you said was coming anyway, is expected to last?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, we're still up 40 percent for the period of time. So, I mean, the markets are way up over what they were. It's a correction that I think is caused by the Federal Reserve with interest rates. The dollar has become very strong, which, frankly, people can debate whether or not they like a strong dollar or not.

The dollar is very strong, very powerful. And that causes a little difficulty with doing business, frankly. A strong dollar doesn't necessarily mean all good, but we do have a very strong dollar. And we have interest rates going up at a clip that's much faster than certainly a lot of people, including myself, would have anticipated.

I think the Fed is out of control. I think what they're doing it wrong. Under the Obama administration, you had a lot of help because they had very little interest. You know, when you talk about economies, our economy is far better than that. But we have actually -- we're paying interest. And they weren't. They were using funny money.

But I think the Fed is far too stringent, and they're making a mistake and it's not right.

And it's -- despite that, we're doing very well but it's not necessary, in my opinion. And I think I know about it better than they do. Believe me.

Q Would you consider firing the Fed Chairman? I mean, is his job secure?

THE PRESIDENT: No, I'm not going to fire him. I'm just disappointed at the clip. I think it's far too fast. Far too rigid, far too fast.

Q Mr. President, after what happened with the Soyuz capsule today, are you at all worried that American astronauts have to rely on the Russians to get into space? Because you've been talking about Space Force.

THE PRESIDENT: No, I'm not worried. We have a tremendous space program going right now, in addition to which you're going to have the Space Force. I think by next year we intend to have that. It's already in this budget. And we'll have our own everything. But no, I'm not at all. Not at all worried at all.

Q Will Jamal Khashoggi's case affect the way you deal with MBS or other Saudi officials?

THE PRESIDENT: We'll have to see what happens. A lot of work is being done on that, and we're going to have to see what happens. I don't like stopping massive amounts of money that's being poured into our country on -- I know they're talking about different kinds of sanctions, but they're spending \$110 billion on military equipment and on things that create jobs, like jobs and others, for this country.

I don't like the concept of stopping an investment of \$110 billion into the United States. Because you know what they're going to do? They're going to take that money and spend it in Russia or China, or someplace else. So I think there are other ways. If it turns out to be as bad as it might be, there are certainly other ways of handling the

situation.

But I will tell you, upfront, right now, and I'll say it in front of senators: They're spending \$110 billion purchasing military equipment and other things. If we don't sell it to them, they'll say, "Well, thank you very much. We'll buy it from Russia." Or "Thank you very much. We'll buy it from China." That doesn't help us -- not when it comes to jobs and not when it comes to our companies losing out on that work.

But there are other things we can do. Let's find out what the problem is first. Okay?

Q You mean sanctions in that case? You oppose sanctions against Saudi Arabia?

THE PRESIDENT: I oppose -- I would not be in favor of stopping a country from spending \$110 billion -- which is an all-time record -- and letting Russia have that money and letting China have that money. Because all they're going to do is say, "That's okay. We don't have to buy it from Boeing. We don't have to buy it from Lockheed. We don't have to buy it from Raytheon and all these great companies. We'll buy it from Russia. We'll but it from China."

So what good does that do us? There are other things we can do.

Q Well, do you think they should pay a price if it turns out that the Saudis are responsible?

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah. There'll be something that has to take place. First, I want to find out what happened. And we're looking. Again, this took place in Turkey. And to the best of our knowledge, Khashoggi is not a United States citizen. Is that right? Or is that --

Q Permanent resident.

THE PRESIDENT: He's a permanent resident. Okay.

We don't like it, Jon. We don't like. And we don't like even a little bit. But as to whether or not we should stop \$110 billion from being spent in this country, knowing they have four or five alternatives, two very good alternatives -- that would not be acceptable to me.

Okay. But we're looking for the answer. And I think probably you'll have an answer sooner than people think.

Thank you very much. I'll see you in a little while.

Q We'll see you with Kanye later? Are you going to --

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah. We're going to have you come in for Kanye for just a couple of seconds, okay?

Q Okay, great.

THE PRESIDENT: He'll be here and we're going to do a little -- you'll have a little fun. Okay?

Everybody asks about Kanye. You know, we have Kanye West and Jim Brown coming in. And everybody wants to know about --

Q (Inaudible) Jim Brown too.

THE PRESIDENT: I like Jim Brown. That Jim Brown is some running back. Hey, do you think the NFL would be paying him a couple of dollars nowadays?

What people don't know -- he might have been -- he was the greatest football player, perhaps. He may have been an even better lacrosse player. Did you know that? At Syracuse. He may have been an even better lacrosse player. And he's a great guy. And he's been with me for a long time. He's been a big supporter.

Thank you all very much. You'll come back in a little while.

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**LOWERING HEALTHCARE PREMIUMS:** Americans will see lower average individual market premiums on the Federal health insurance exchange in 2019.

- President Trump has already opened up affordable options outside of Obamacare and restored freedom by signing legislation that eliminated the individual mandate penalty.
- Today, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that the average premium for Obamacare plans on the Federal exchange will drop by 1.5 percent in 2019.
  - This marks the only average premium decline since Obamacare took effect in 2014.
  - Many States will see rates drop more substantially, including a 26 percent drop in Tennessee and 16 percent drop in Pennsylvania.
  - The change in rates in most States represents a dramatic departure from the double-digit premium increases Americans experienced in recent years.
- Americans will see greater insurer participation in 2019 compared to previous years.
  - There will be 23 new insurers in 2019 and 29 insurers are expanding their service area.
  - The share of counties on the Federal exchange with only one insurer will drop from 56 percent in 2018 to 39 percent in 2019.
  - Only four States will have only one insurer in 2019, compared to ten in 2018.

**EXPANDING OPTIONS AND DROPPING PRICES:** President Trump is working to improve healthcare for Americans by expanding health coverage options and reining in drug prices.

- The Trump Administration has worked to increase options for consumers through expanded short-term, limited-duration insurance plans and expanded Association Health Plans.
  - Short-term, limited-duration plans are not subject to burdensome Obamacare rules and are projected to be 50 to 80 percent more affordable than Obamacare plans.
  - Through expanded Association Health Plans, President Trump has made it easier for employers to join together to offer more affordable coverage to their workers.
- President Trump has released a blueprint to drive down drug prices for American patients.
  - As a result, 15 drug manufacturers have already announced price freezes, reductions, and rollbacks.

**IMPROVING INSURANCE MARKETS:** President Donald J. Trump's policies are helping to remedy the

## chaos caused by Obamacare.

- Since taking office, President Trump has made it a priority to alleviate the burden placed on Americans by the failures of Obamacare, in part by working more closely with States.
  - In 2017, President Trump signed an Executive Order to help minimize the financial burden felt by American households due to Obamacare.
- Premium reductions on Federal exchanges and increased insurer participation are encouraging signs after years of rising premiums and limited choices.
  - Before the President took office, the average individual market premiums more than doubled, from \$2,784 in 2013 to \$5,712 in 2017 – a 105 percent increase.
- Obamacare left millions with no affordable choices as it severely restricted the short-term, limited-duration market and left more than half of all counties with only one insurer.

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REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRUMP  
AT THE INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE TO MONITOR AND COMBAT TRAFFICKING IN  
PERSONS ANNUAL MEETING

Indian Treaty Room

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THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. Please. Thank you very much. Thank you. It's a great honor. Thank you very much. Thank you to Ivanka for the wonderful introduction. She knows me well. And also, very importantly, on the tremendous work you've done on this on behalf of human trafficking victims and survivors all over the world. Very important subject.

And incredibly, with the age of the computer, it's gotten worse and worse and worse every year. And we're going to turn that around.

This is an urgent humanitarian issue. My administration is committed to leveraging every resource we have to confront this threat, to support the victims and survivors, and to hold traffickers accountable for their heinous crimes.

Before going any further today, I'd like to provide an update on Hurricane Michael, which made landfall along Florida's great Panhandle. Incredible people in the Panhandle, and they went through a lot. Followed a really destructive path; then to Georgia and North and South Carolina.

Our prayers are with those who lost their lives and with their families. And our hearts are with the thousands who have sustained property damage -- in many cases entirely wiped out -- the many families who have been displaced and the businesses that have been affected by

this devastating hurricane.

All residents should heed all local warnings and instructions. My administration is in constant contact with state and local authorities in Florida, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina. FEMA and first responders are on the ground, and we have teams currently conducting search and rescue missions -- by the way, the Coast Guard has been incredible; they've saved many lives -- working to restore power and delivering needed supplies.

We will do everything in our power to help those in need. And we will not rest or waver until the job is done and the recovery is complete. The only thing we can say about Michael with certainty is that it was so fast, it went through like a bullet, but it was a devastating bullet. It was complete. It was winds about as big as we've ever seen in history. We've never had anything like this.

So I just want to thank everybody for working so hard and for FEMA, and first responders, and law enforcement. They have been incredible. Incredible. Thank you very much.

Today we're gathered together for a truly important mission: ending the scourge of human trafficking.

Joining us are top officials from across our government who are deeply engaged in this effort. Also, Senator Rob Portman is with us someplace. Rob, thank you very much for coming.

I'd like to just introduce a few of the people that have worked so hard: Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. Secretary Nielsen. Secretary, thank you. Good job. I know you're working very hard on this. Ryan Zinke. Ryan, thank you. Thank you. Alex Acosta. Thank you very much. Rod Rosenstein. Thank you, Rod. Alex Azar. Thank you very much. Great job you're doing. Thank you, Alex. Elaine Chao. Thank you, Elaine. And Betsy DeVos. Thank you. Thank you very much.

Along with Ambassadors Nikki Haley -- and what a job you've done. Thank you very much, Nikki. And you know how we feel. Bob Lighthizer. Thanks, Bob. Dan Coats. And Director Chris Wray. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, Chris, very much. Appreciate it very much. You really -- you're making big difference and you'll make an even bigger difference because we're making it a lot easier for you now. We're going to give you what you need to get this done -- as much as you can. It's a tough one.

Thank you as well to Representative Ann Wagner who has been a great leader in the fight against human trafficking. Thank you, Ann, very much. Thank you very much.

Most importantly, I want to thank the courageous survivors of human trafficking for joining us today. From the beginning of my administration, I promised we would direct the full might and force of

the United States government to combat the sinister crime of trafficking. And that is exactly what we are doing.

We're working to aggressively target traffickers and to protect the victims of this inhumane abuse. In my first month in office, I signed an executive order directing federal law enforcement to prioritize dismantling the criminal organizations that engage in human trafficking. I later hosted survivors and experts here at the White House on numerous occasions for a conversation about how we can strengthen and improve our nation's anti-trafficking efforts.

Since the time and since that moment -- very first moment -- we've really made tremendous strides. We're challenging foreign regimes that facilitate this horrible evil of sex trafficking and forced labor. And we're working to take down the criminal organizations that illegally traffic drugs and people across our border, exploiting them for their own gain. And we are pursuing criminal charges against those who perpetrate these monstrous acts and deeds.

Last year, my administration prosecuted a record number of traffickers. The Department of Health and Human Services National Human Trafficking Hotline received over 8,500 reports of potential trafficking last year. And our brave heroes at ICE have made over 1,600 human trafficking arrests. They do a great job.

I have signed several anti-trafficking bills into law, including a landmark law championed by Representative Wagner. And, Representative, where are you? Please. Fantastic job, Ann. Thank you very much. Really appreciate it. To help states and victims to fight online sex trafficking.

Under this law, victims can now bring civil suits against websites involved in sex trafficking -- it's so important -- so you can bring civil suits against these websites, and states can bring criminal charges. These provisions complement existing laws that the Department of Justice used to seize and shut down Backpage.com, the Internet's leading forum for traffickers, earlier this year. Good job, Rod. Really good job.

We also included tough forced-labor provisions in the new U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement -- USMCA, as it's known. Great agreement. And we are taking the lead to combat this crime internationally, having invested millions in the Global Fund to End Modern Slavery. If you can believe that title -- it's to end modern slavery.

This is just a brief overview of our government-wide effort to smash these criminal networks and to help victims rebuild their lives.

Every Cabinet member here today and every member of this presidential taskforce is fully engaged in the fight. It's very important to every one of them.

Our country will not rest until we have put these vile organizations out of business, and rescued every last victim. And we will not stop until we have stamped out the menace of human trafficking once and for all.

Again, I want to thank everybody for the incredible job you're doing, for your good work. So important. Thank you very much. Thank you. Thank you everybody. Thank you. (Applause.) Thank you. Thank you.

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**PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP IS TAKING ACTION TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

*"My Administration will focus on ending the absolutely horrific practice of human trafficking." – President Donald J. Trump*

**ENDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING:** President Donald J. Trump and his Administration are working to end the scourge of human trafficking, also known as modern slavery.

- Today, the President's Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (PITF) met to discuss the Administration's efforts to tackle human trafficking.
- The Task Force is a Cabinet-level entity, consisting of 15 departments and agencies, which work tirelessly to prosecute traffickers, protect survivors, and combat human trafficking.
- Members of the Advisory Council on Human Trafficking, comprised of survivor leaders appointed by the President, attended.
- The recipients of the 2018 Presidential Award for Extraordinary Efforts to Combat Trafficking in Persons were honored at the meeting.

**TAKING ACTION AT HOME AND ABROAD:** The Trump Administration is taking the fight to human trafficking on all fronts, carrying out robust domestic and international efforts.

- In April 2018, President Trump signed historic legislation into law to combat online sex trafficking, holding perpetrators accountable and ensuring justice for survivors.
- Last year, President Trump issued an Executive Order which directed his Administration to crack down on transnational criminal organizations that use human trafficking.
- Domestically, Federal agencies are ensuring full enforcement of our laws so that those who seek to exploit our people and break our laws face justice. Last year:
  - The Department of Justice secured convictions against nearly 500 defendants in human trafficking and the Federal Bureau of Investigation dismantled 42 criminal enterprises engaged in child sex trafficking.
  - The Department of Homeland Security initiated over 800 human trafficking cases, resulting in 1,500 arrests, 530 convictions, and over 500 victims identified.
- The Department of Justice anti-trafficking grantees reported assisting more than 8,000 survivors between July 2016 and June 2017, greatly exceeding the past record.
- The Department of Health and Human Services modernized the National Human Trafficking Hotline.
- The United States is also taking the lead to end this crime internationally, as the largest donor of the Global Fund to End Modern Slavery.
- The Trump Administration is pushing back against authoritarian regimes to eliminate forced labor,

sex trafficking, and the exploitation of children.

- Human trafficking is very common under regimes lacking basic civil protections.
- The Administration is limiting the number of Tier 3 countries in the TIP Report that will receive national security waivers under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act.

**A THREAT TO OUR COUNTRY: Human trafficking is a threat to homeland security, public health, and the rule of law.**

- Human trafficking is often a hidden crime that knows no boundaries, impacting adults and children of all ages, backgrounds, and nationalities.
  - Reports of human trafficking come from every State.
  - There are an estimated 24.9 million victims of human trafficking worldwide.
- Drug traffickers in Central and South America are increasingly engaging in human trafficking.

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REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRUMP  
AT SIGNING OF H.R. 1551, THE "ORRIN G. HATCH-BOB GOODLATTE MUSIC  
MODERNIZATION ACT"

Roosevelt Room

11:57 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: I know you've been waiting for this for a long time, you folks. Right? For a long time. Hi, Shelley. Hi, everybody. They've been working on this for years and years and years. And I guess certain entertainers have been taken advantage of -- but no longer, because of Trump. Can you believe it? (Laughter.) Who would think? Who would think?

But I'm thrilled -- I know so many of you. I mean, it's just great. And I definitely know your music, and you've done a great job.

I'm thrilled to welcome all of you to the White House today and the signing of the Hatch-Goodlatte -- you know Hatch and you know Goodlatte, don't you? Terrific guys. I didn't know you liked music that much, Orrin. (Laughter.) Huh? The Hatch-Goodlatte Music Modernization Act. This is a landmark bill -- they've been looking for it for many, many years -- to protect the intellectual property and creative genius of America's incredible musicians.

Thank you to Secretary Wilbur Ross for being here and for working so hard to get this done. I especially want to thank one of the bill's lead sponsors, an accomplished musician and songwriter in his own right -- which I heard, but I haven't heard his music. I'll let you know when

I hear his music. (Laughter.) The legendary Senator Orrin Hatch. It's been 44 years. How long have you been in the Senate?

SENATOR HATCH: Forty-two.

THE PRESIDENT: Forty-two. Oh, I thought it was forty-four. Forty-two is nothing. That's pretty good.

SENATOR HATCH: Feels like 44. (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: Feels like 44. And he's been my friend, and he's been a great, great senator.

I also want to thank another friend of mine, Bob Goodlatte, for his tremendous leadership at the helm of the House Judiciary Committee. Very instrumental on this.

Let me also recognize and thank Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley. Everybody knows Chuck now. He's become more famous in the last two weeks. What a job you did. Was that easy, Chuck, or tough?

SENATOR GRASSLEY: No, it was not easy. (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: I thought you were going to say that. You made it look easier than it was. Chuck is an incredible man. As well as Senators Lamar Alexander, Shelley Moore Capito, Chris Coons, Sheldon Whitehouse, and Congressmen Darrell Issa, Doug Collins, and -- Jerry Nadler was going to be here but he couldn't make it. I don't know what happened to him. I'm shocked. I'm shocked.

We're also joined by truly amazing artists and people I've known for a long time -- people everyone knows -- including Kid Rock. Kid, thank you. Great job. Do you like this legislation or do you hate it?

MR. RITCHIE: Like it.

THE PRESIDENT: He's been fighting for a long time.

I want to welcome Christian rock group MercyMe. Also joining me is -- gee, so many of these people, I've been with them -- are famed guitarist from the Doobie Brothers and Steely Dan, Jeff Baxter. Jeff, thank you very much. Mike Love, I've heard him many times. Many times. He's -- The Beach Boys. Where is Mike? Mike -- come here, Mike. Boy, that's something, huh? You like this, right?

MR. LOVE: I love it.

THE PRESIDENT: Good. Mike Love. Been a friend of mine. The Beach Boys are -- look, what can you say about The Beach Boys? Great

music.

We have some great country artists with us, including Craig Morgan and my good friend John Rich of Big and Rich. He happened to win "The Apprentice," but we won't even get into that. (Laughter.) I know him better than anybody. I'm the one -- week after week, it was "John Rich, you're going to make it." I said "you're fired" to everybody but John Rich, right? Huh?

MR. RICH: Yes, sir, thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: Great job. Great guy. Really good guy. And good under -- he's good under pressure, which is very nice.

We also have Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Sam Moore, who is having a big birthday. Sam and Dave. But having a big birthday today. Today is your birthday?

MR. MOORE: Today is my birthday.

THE PRESIDENT: Eighty-three?

MR. MOORE: Promise to keep your golf game going.

THE PRESIDENT: My golf game? He looks good. (Laughter.) Eighty-three. That means there's a future for us. (Laughter.) That's great, Sam. Great to have you here.

The legislation has wide support throughout the music industry, and I am very pleased that so many industry leaders, also over here -- I won't call all the names, but some real leaders of industry are here with us for the enactment of this critical legislation.

I see Neil Portnow, who, in the world of music, is big stuff. He's the President and CEO of the Recording Academy, also known as the Grammys. Where is he? Thank you. Very good. Thank you for being here. I appreciate it very much. Thank you very much, Neil.

The Music Modernization Act closes loopholes in our digital royalty laws to ensure that songwriters, artists, producers, and providers receive fair payment for the licensing of music. I've been reading about this for many years. Never thought I'd be involved in it, but I got involved in it. They were treated very unfairly. They're not going to be treated unfairly anymore. Streaming has made music more accessible than ever, yet our laws have not kept up with the pace of technology. As such, artists of all varieties and all career stages are losing out on revenue that they have rightly earned. And I guess especially from four or five, six years ago, and beyond.

This legislation will help ensure that artists from eras long ago, in addition to modern day, can retire in security, and that current and upcoming artists can make a living by creating amazing works that captivate their fans and entertain our nation -- and the world. Because this is really the world we're talking about.

This legislation creates a single licensing system for reasons of simplicity, for digital music providers, so that music is more quickly licensed and paid for. Ensures that American songwriters receive fair market value when their songs are streamed or purchased online. Sets a standard licensing rate for digital performances.

Why aren't some of you guys performing for us today free? (Laughter.) We should have done that, senators. I'll tell you. We should have gotten some -- Shelley, we should have gotten a little free music out of this. (Laughter.) They could have -- they could give us a great concert, this group.

Sets a standard licensing rate for digital performance and recordings, and applies that very same standard to music recorded before 1972. And creates a procedure for producers, engineers, and other participants in the recording and music industry to collect performance royalties.

This legislation passed both houses of Congress unanimously. How did you do that? (Laughter.) See? Bipartisan. Second one. We just did the Clean Oceans Act with Dan Sullivan and -- he's around. Dan? And with Sheldon Whitehouse. We just signed that. And that was -- I think we had one negative vote, didn't you? Did we have one?

SENATOR WHITEHOUSE: Unanimous.

THE PRESIDENT: Unanimous. So we just did two unanimous bills. Who says we can't pass unanimous? Who said we don't have bipartisan? It is bipartisan. But this legislation passed both houses unanimously.

Fair payment for intellectual property is essential to maintain America's longstanding position as the world leader in music and entertainment. And when they say "world leader," it's world leader, by far. It's not even close.

This legislation accomplishes that goal by updating our licensing laws to reflect the significant growth in streaming and digital music.

Today, we build on America's rich cultural and musical legacy, which brings joy and meaning to countless millions and millions and

millions of Americans, and beyond, frankly. And beyond.

So with that, I'm pleased to sign the Hatch-Goodlatte Music Modernization Act. It's my honor. Hearing about it for so many years, and we're finally getting it done. And these people are going to become even richer than they are, but that's okay. (Laughter.) Because they really were -- they were treated very unfairly. A lot of people got nothing. They'd do an incredible song and they'd end up getting nothing. They'd create some of the most incredible music, some great music, and they would not be able to benefit. And that sounded -- always sounded very unfair. And that's why you had a unanimous consent.

So thank you all for being here. It's an honor. And I'll go and sign the paper, and then you go on and do what you have to do. And, Kid, thank you very much, man. It's great. (Applause.)

(The bill is signed.)

Got it. We're done. (Applause.)

How about if I asked Bob Goodlatte and Orrin Hatch to say a couple of words. Do you mind? And what this means. And I'm also going to hand out the pen. Who should get the first pen?

PARTICIPANT: Sam! It's his birthday.

THE PRESIDENT: Okay, let's give it to Sam. (Applause.)

MR. MOORE: Why, thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: Sam, say a couple of words. Go ahead. You want to speak?

MR. MOORE: Thank you, everyone. I got to tell you, this is a historic moment. I'm so proud. When Mr. Bush was in, we couldn't get it done. When we had Mr. Obama in, we couldn't get it done. But we got it done with this man. (Laughter.)

Thank you so much. Thank you, everybody. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Mike Love.

MR. LOVE: Thank you, President Trump. Thank you so much for your support of music, historically. I remember you tried your best to help get Whitney Houston in some kind of shape.

THE PRESIDENT: It's true.

MR. LOVE: And it was -- yeah, I remember being at Mar-a-Lago with this guy right here. He had Ron Perlman come down. He had -- he tried

your best to help Whitney.

THE PRESIDENT: Right.

MR. LOVE: And she's not the only one you've benefitted and tried. And people are going to say what they want, but you've always been a big supporter of some of the best music that America has ever made.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much.

MR. LOVE: And you're right when you say it's beyond. We remember going to Czechoslovakia six months after the Russians invaded. And because of our music -- because of America and the freedom that we represented, you know, we were, like, welcomed like heroes. All we were doing was playing our songs.

But it meant a lot to people all over the world. And so we appreciate you and Senator Hatch and Goodlatte. Darrell Issa, he's been involved with the pre-'72 stuff, and that's very near and dear to my heart. (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: Darrell is a good man.

MR. LOVE: Yeah, he's great. Thank you. Thank you, President Trump. (Applause.)

MR. RICH: Thank you. You know, I am really encouraged by today because we all know how divided our country is. We see it every single day. And to see that music is the one thing that can get unanimous consent in the Senate, in the House, in the state I live in in Tennessee -- Marsha Blackburn has been pounding away at this for years. NSAI, pounding away at this for years.

And to see it come together and know that it affects all these artists and all these genres -- the full political spectrum of artists are impacted. Kanye West, who you're going to see. Kid Rock, Sam Moore, Taylor Swift, Big and Rich -- you name it. Everybody is impacted by this.

So thank you very much for signing it. Thank you. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much.

MR. RITCHIE: Uh oh, I got the mic. (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: This could be good.

MR. RITCHIE: This could be good. No, but I think we should start with, you know, I'd just like to bring it up that there's a whole lot of

people in this country that do give you a lot of credit for everything you've been doing for this country.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you.

MR. RITCHIE: That we know that some people don't give it to you as much as maybe they should sometimes.

A big part of this bill that I'm a huge fan of is for the unsung songwriters out there. There's so many who have written the songs that no one will ever see at any level. And everybody knows this business of music is a pretty dirty business. There's a lot more that needs to be done here, and we need to go after the record companies next for things like free goods and things like that.

But this is a great start to protect songwriters, producers, engineers -- the unsung heroes behind many of these songs that go out there. People like myself who are maybe more at the top of the food chain, it really doesn't affect as much. But I know many people it does affect. So this is going to help out in a big, big way, and be a great start for, hopefully, a lot of more following in the future. So thank you again.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Kid. (Applause.)

MR. BAXTER: You know, this is in the Constitution. This is in the Constitution. Patented language (inaudible). Congratulations.

THE PRESIDENT: That's right. That's right.

Please.

SENATOR HATCH: Well, Mr. President, once again, it's -- thank you.

MR. BAXTER: Songwriter. Absolutely. (Applause.)

SENATOR HATCH: Mr. President, I'm honored to be here with you, as always. And I'm honored to be with these great songwriters and musicians who really haven't been able to receive all the recognition they deserve.

This is a very important bill. It's going to renew the interest in music throughout the country and throughout the world. And we've had a lot of help from a lot of good people, including the senators and Congress people standing here. Bob Goodlatte carried this through the House, and I'm just very grateful to him. I'm grateful to all of you.

But, Mr. President, we're grateful to you. You're making a real hell of a difference in this country. It's a good difference. And we

all -- you're getting both sides to -- (inaudible). (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Please.

SENATOR GOODLATTE: Mr. President, you're doing a lot of things to make America great again. And signing this bill is one of them. And it is something that has been needed for decades. This has been a situation where the music licensing system in this country hasn't worked fairly. And I'm honored to have my name associated with it. I'm honored to have my name associated with Senator Hatch. But this is an effort of a lot of people all across this country, in the Congress and out of the Congress, over a long time.

So thank you for putting the finishing touch on it. It's going to do a lot of good for a lot of great people.

THE PRESIDENT: Great job.

Lamar, do you want to say something?

SENATOR ALEXANDER: Thank you, Mr. President, for your leadership. There are tens of thousands of taxi drivers, waitresses, music teachers in Tennessee and across this country who are riding the bus out to their work and hoping they'll write a big number-one hit one day. And what this means is that when they do, they'll get paid, and they'll get paid a fair market value.

So I'm grateful to the entire range of the music industry for coming together on what they agree on, putting aside what they don't, and then working with this whole range of those of us in Congress who wanted to make this happen.

This is a great day, Mr. President. And thank you for your support and for calling attention to the music that, as John says, unifies our state and our country.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. (Applause.)

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**President Donald J. Trump Approves Florida Disaster Declaration**

Today, President Donald J. Trump declared that a major disaster exists in the State of Florida and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by Hurricane Michael beginning on October 7, 2018, and continuing.

The President's action makes Federal funding available to affected individuals in the counties of Bay, Franklin, Gulf, Taylor, and Wakulla.

Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

Federal funding also is available to State, tribal, and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work in the counties of Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Hamilton, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, and Wakulla.

Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide.

Brock Long, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Homeland Security, named Thomas J. McCool as the Federal Coordinating Officer for Federal recovery operations in the affected areas.

Additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the State and warranted by the results of further damage assessments.

Residents and business owners who sustained losses in the designated counties can begin applying for assistance today by registering online at <http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov> or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. (local time) seven days a week until further notice.

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**President Donald J. Trump Approves Georgia Emergency Declaration**

Yesterday, President Donald J. Trump declared that an emergency exists in the State of Georgia and ordered Federal assistance to supplement State, tribal, and local response efforts due to the emergency conditions resulting from Hurricane Michael beginning on October 9, 2018, and continuing.

The President's action authorizes the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), to coordinate all disaster relief efforts which have the purpose of alleviating the hardship and suffering caused by the emergency on the local population, and to provide appropriate assistance for required emergency measures, authorized under Title V of the Stafford Act, to save lives and to protect property and public health and safety, and to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe.

Specifically, FEMA is authorized to identify, mobilize, and provide at its discretion, equipment and resources necessary to alleviate the impacts of the emergency. Debris removal and emergency protective measures, including direct federal assistance, will be provided at 75 percent Federal funding in the counties of Baker, Bleckley, Burke, Calhoun, Colquitt, Crisp, Decatur, Dodge, Dooly, Dougherty, Early, Emanuel, Grady, Houston, Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, Laurens, Lee, Macon, Miller, Mitchell, Pulaski, Seminole, Sumter, Terrell, Thomas, Treutlen, Turner, Wilcox, and Worth. Emergency protective measures, limited to direct federal assistance will be provided at 75 percent funding in the counties of Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Baldwin, Ben Hill, Berrien, Bibb, Brantley, Brooks, Bryan, Bulloch, Butts, Camden, Candler, Charlton, Chatham, Chattahoochee, Clarke, Clay, Clinch, Coffee, Columbia, Cook, Crawford, Echols, Effingham, Elbert, Evans, Glascock, Glynn, Greene, Hancock, Irwin, Jasper, Jeff Davis, Jones, Lamar, Lanier, Liberty, Lincoln, Long, Lowndes, Marion, McDuffie, McIntosh, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Muscogee, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Peach, Pierce, Putnam, Quitman, Randolph, Richmond, Schley, Screven, Stewart, Talbot, Taliaferro, Tattnall, Taylor, Telfair, Tift, Toombs, Twiggs, Upson, Ware, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Webster, Wheeler, Wilkes, and Wilkinson.

Brock Long, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Homeland Security, named Manny J. Toro as the Federal Coordinating Officer for Federal recovery operations in the affected areas.

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**In-Town Pool**

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**9:00AM**                      **In-Town Pool Call Time**

**11:30AM**                      **THE PRESIDENT participates in a signing ceremony for S. 3508, the "Save Our Seas Act of 2018"**

*Oval Office*

*Closed Press*

**11:45AM**                      **THE PRESIDENT participates in a signing ceremony for H.R. 1551, the "Orrin G. Hatch-Bob Goodlatte Music Modernization Act"**

*Roosevelt Room*

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**2:00PM THE PRESIDENT delivers remarks at the Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons Annual Meeting**

*Indian Treaty Room*

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**President Donald J. Trump Announces Eighteenth Wave of Judicial Nominees, Eighteenth Wave of United States Attorney Nominees, and Thirteenth Wave of United States Marshall Nominees.**

Today President Donald J. Trump announced his intent to nominate an eighteenth wave of judicial nominees, an eighteenth wave of United States Attorney nominees, and a thirteenth wave of United States Marshall nominees as follows:

**Joseph F. Bianco of New York, to serve as a Circuit Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.** Joseph Bianco serves as a U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, where he has served since 2006. He also serves as an adjunct professor at the St. John's University School of Law. Prior to his confirmation and appointment by President George W. Bush, Judge Bianco served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General and Senior Counsel in the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, where he oversaw the Division's counterterrorism efforts. He also served for nine years as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, including for two years as Chief of the Organized Crime and Terrorism Unit. After graduation from law school, Judge Bianco clerked for Judge Peter K. Leisure of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Judge Bianco received his B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Georgetown University, and his J.D. from Columbia Law School, where he served on the *Columbia Law Review*.

**Michael H. Park of New York, to serve as a Circuit Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.** Michael Park is a partner in the New York City office of Consovoy McCarthy Park PLLC, where his practice focuses on a broad range of litigation and securities enforcement matters. He represents clients in litigation in a wide array of subject areas, including securities, criminal, commercial, administrative, and constitutional law. He also serves as an adjunct professor at the Antonin Scalia Law School of George Mason University, where he teaches the Supreme Court Clinic. Prior to joining Consovoy McCarthy Park, Mr. Park was a partner at an international law firm and an Attorney Advisor in the Office of Legal Counsel. Upon graduation from law school, Mr. Park clerked for then-Judge Samuel A. Alito of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and he later clerked for Justice Alito on the Supreme Court of the United States. Mr. Park received his A.B. from Princeton University, *magna cum laude*, and his J.D. from Yale Law School, where he served as Managing Editor of the *Yale Law Journal*.

**Patrick J. Bumatay of California, to serve as a Circuit Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.** Patrick Bumatay is an Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California, where he is a member of the Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task

Forces Section. He is currently detailed to the Office of the Attorney General, where he serves as Counselor to the Attorney General on various criminal issues, including the national opioid strategy and transnational organized crime. Mr. Bumatay has also served in other positions in the Department of Justice, including the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, the Office of the Associate Attorney General, where he was responsible for overseeing various aspects of the Department's civil enforcement programs, and the Office of Legal Policy. Upon graduation from law school, Mr. Bumatay served as a law clerk for Judge Timothy M. Tymkovich of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit Court. He also clerked for Judge Sandra L. Townes of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Mr. Bumatay received his B.A., *cum laude*, from Yale University and his J.D. from Harvard Law School. He is a member of the National Filipino American Lawyers Association (NFALA), the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, the Tom Homann LGBT Law Association, and the Federal Bar Association.

**Daniel P. Collins of California, to serve as a Circuit Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.** Daniel Collins is a partner in the Los Angeles, California, office of Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP, where his practice focuses on appellate litigation in the Supreme Court, Ninth Circuit, and the California Supreme Court. Mr. Collins has argued 36 cases in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, including two before the *en banc* court, and four cases in the California Supreme Court. Prior to joining Munger Tolles, Mr. Collins served as an Associate Deputy Attorney General at the U.S. Department of Justice, where he worked extensively on the Prosecutorial Remedies and Other Tools to End the Exploitation of Children Today (PROTECT) Act of 2003, which included provisions to combat child pornography and child abuse and to reform federal sentencing laws. Mr. Collins has also served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of California and as an Attorney Advisor in the Office of Legal Counsel. Upon graduation from law school, Mr. Collins clerked for Judge Dorothy W. Nelson of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and he later clerked for Justice Antonin Scalia on the Supreme Court of the United States. Mr. Collins received his A.B. from Harvard College, *summa cum laude*, and his J.D., with distinction, from Stanford University, where he served on the *Stanford Law Review*.

**Kenneth Kiyul Lee of California, to serve as a Circuit Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.** Kenneth Lee is a partner in the Los Angeles, California, office of Jenner & Block LLP, where his practice focuses on appellate litigation and internal investigations, and where he serves on the firm's Diversity & Inclusion Committee. He has briefed and argued appeals in multiple federal courts of appeals, including the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second, Fifth, and Ninth Circuits. He also maintains an active pro bono practice, providing free legal representation to indigent and incarcerated clients. Prior to joining Jenner & Block, Mr. Lee served as Associate Counsel to President George W. Bush and as an associate with Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz. Upon graduation from law school, Mr. Lee clerked for Judge Emilio M. Garza of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Mr. Lee received his A.B. from Cornell University, *summa cum laude*, and his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Harvard Law School.

**Stanley Blumenfeld of California, to serve as District Judge on the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.** Stan Blumenfeld is a judge on the Los Angeles Superior Court, currently assigned to the Felony Trial Court and serving as the Assistant Supervising Judge for the Northeast and Central Districts. He also teaches as an adjunct professor at the University of Southern California School of Law and teaches a course in Constitutional Criminal Procedure and Remedies. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Blumenfeld was a partner at O'Melveny & Myers LLP, where he served as Co-Chair of the Healthcare and Environmental Law practice groups, and was an Assistant United States Attorney for the Central District of California. Upon graduation from law school, he served as a law clerk to Judge Cynthia Holcomb Hall of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Judge Blumenfeld received his B.A. from SUNY Binghamton, an M.A. in Spanish from New York University, and his J.D., Order of the Coif, from the University of California, Los Angeles, where he served as Editor-in-Chief of the *UCLA Law Review*.

**Brian C. Buescher of Nebraska, to serve as District Judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of**

**Nebraska.** Brian Buescher is a partner in the Omaha, Nebraska, office of Kutak Rock LLP. At Kutak Rock, he leads the firm's agribusiness litigation practice, with extensive experience in agribusiness, environmental, food law, real estate, product liability, class action, banking, and insurance litigation matters. Mr. Buescher has served as the Chair of both the Nebraska Bar Association's Agricultural and Environmental Law Sections, and is an active member of the Omaha community, serving on the Board of Directors of the Downtown Omaha YMCA. He received his B.A. from the University of Nebraska, with honors and high distinction, and his J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center.

**Clifton L. Corker of Tennessee, to serve as District Judge on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee.** Clifton Corker serves as a United States Magistrate Judge on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee. Prior to his appointment to the bench in 2015, Judge Corker had his own law firm, the Law Office of Clifton Corker in Johnson City, Tennessee. There, he maintained a diverse practice, handling matters as varied as complex civil litigation and capital murder cases. Upon graduation from law school, Judge Corker clerked for then-Magistrate Judge Cynthia Kinser of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia. Judge Corker received his B.B.A. from James Madison University and his J.D. from William & Mary Law School.

**Philip M. Halpern of New York, to serve as District Judge on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.** Philip Halpern is managing partner of Collier, Halpern, Newberg & Nolletti LLP, where his practice focuses on commercial, employment, real estate, and securities litigation. He is also an adjunct professor at the Elizabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University, teaching "The Anatomy of a Trial: The Burden of Proof." Upon graduation from law school, he clerked for Judge Irving Ben Cooper of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Mr. Halpern received his B.S., *magna cum laude*, from Fordham University, and his J.D. at Elizabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University.

**Thomas Marcelle of New York, to serve as a District Judge on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York.** Thomas Marcelle is a judge on the Cohoes City Court. Prior to joining the court, he served as Chief Counsel to the Albany County Sheriff's Office and Albany County Attorney, where he oversaw the litigation of civil matters and prosecution of criminal matters. Mr. Marcelle also enjoyed a long, prestigious career in private practice; his practice focused on constitutional litigation, with a focus on election and constitutional issues. He also served as a Trial Attorney in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, responsible for enforcing the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act. Mr. Marcelle received his B.A. from Bowdoin College and his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Cornell Law School, where he served on the *Cornell Law Review*.

**Matthew W. McFarland of Ohio, to serve as District Judge on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio.** Matthew McFarland is a judge on the Ohio Fourth District Court of Appeals. He also is an adjunct professor for Shawnee State University and formerly taught constitutional law at Capital University. Judge McFarland previously served as the Magistrate in Scioto County Common Pleas Court Probate/Juvenile Division and as Chairman of the Ohio Association of Magistrates, Juvenile Section. Prior to serving on the bench, Judge McFarland was a Scioto County Assistant Prosecutor and acted as Special Counsel for the Ohio Attorney General. He was also a Licking County Assistant County Prosecutor. Judge McFarland received his B.A., *cum laude*, from Capital University, and his J.D. from Capital University Law School.

**Jeremy B. Rosen of California, to serve as District Judge on the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.** Jeremy Rosen is a partner in the Los Angeles, California, office of Horvitz & Levy LLP. His practice focuses on appellate litigation, primarily in the Ninth Circuit, California Supreme Court, and California Courts of Appeals. He specializes in First Amendment cases, with expertise in both the Speech and Religion Clauses, and is a California Bar Certified Appellate Specialist. Upon graduation from law school, Mr. Rosen clerked for Judge William Matthew Byrne, Jr., of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, and he later clerked for Judge Ferdinand F. Fernandez of the U.S. Court of

Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Mr. Rosen received his B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Cornell University and a J.D. and L.L.M., *magna cum laude*, from Duke University School of Law, where he served on the *Duke Law Journal*.

**Mark C. Scarsi of California, to serve as District Judge on the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.** Mark Scarsi is a partner in the Los Angeles, California, office of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCoy LLP. There he serves as the Chair of the firm's Global Intellectual Property Practice and the Los Angeles office's Managing Partner. Prior to entering the legal profession, Mr. Scarsi worked for seven years as a software engineer, designing and developing detection and signal processing computer systems for U.S. defense applications. Mr. Scarsi received his B.S. and M.S. from Syracuse University, and his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from the Georgetown University Law Center.

**Aaron L. Weisman of Rhode Island, to serve as the United States Attorney for the District of Rhode Island.** Mr. Weisman is currently an Assistant Attorney General and the Chief of the Rhode Island Attorney General's criminal appeals unit. Mr. Weisman has held that position since January 1993 and under four attorneys general. He previously served as a special assistant attorney general in the criminal appeals unit. During Mr. Weisman's tenure at the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office, he has represented Rhode Island's criminal justice interests before the Supreme Court of Rhode Island in hundreds of felony cases, including the appellate litigation of many of Rhode Island's most consequential criminal justice matters. Mr. Weisman also oversees the Rhode Island Attorney General's post-conviction relief unit, responsible for ensuring the just and orderly processing of collateral attacks on felony judgments of conviction, and has appeared in federal court, including an appearance before the Supreme Court of the United States, to defend Rhode Island's interest in the finality of its criminal convictions. Prior to Mr. Weisman's employment with the Rhode Island Attorney General, he worked for Jones Associates, a Providence law firm specializing in appellate practice. Mr. Weisman received his B.A. from Brandeis University and his J.D. from Cardozo School of Law.

**Gary B. Burman of Kentucky, to serve as the United States Marshal for the Western District of Kentucky.** Mr. Burman is a Lieutenant with the Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD) where he has served for 37 years. Mr. Burman began his law enforcement career as a Patrol Officer in 1980. In 1989, he accepted a position as a Special Agent with the FBI for one year. He returned to LMVP in 1990 and rose through the ranks to hold positions as Third Platoon Commander, Criminal Intelligence Unit Commander, Special Response Team Commander, and currently, as Commander of the Dignitary Protection and Threat Assessment Units. Mr. Burman holds a B.S. in Commerce for the University of Louisville.

**Douglas J. Strike of Iowa, to serve as the United States Marshal for the Northern District of Iowa.** Mr. Strike served as Chief of Police for the City of Iowa Falls Police Department from 2001 to 2006. He served with the Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office from 1977 to 2001, first as a Deputy Sheriff, and in 1981 as Chief Deputy for a period of 20 years. Additionally, Mr. Strike served with the City of Nashua Police Department as Chief of Police from 1974 to 1977. He is a past President of the Iowa Sheriffs and Deputies Association, as well as a former board member of the Iowa Chiefs of Police and Peace Officers Association. Mr. Strike is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and holds an Associate's Degree in Police Science from Hawkeye Institute of Technology.

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GENERAL PULASKI MEMORIAL DAY, 2018

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Today, we pay tribute to the Polish immigrant and renowned military commander, General Casimir Pulaski, who gave his life for the cause of freedom during the American Revolutionary War. In the Continental Army, General Pulaski volunteered to serve alongside our Nation's forefathers in their cause for independence. His expertise on the battlefield, tactical insights, and creation of a highly effective corps of mounted infantry earned him the title of "Father of the American Cavalry." On General Pulaski Memorial Day, we commemorate his legacy and draw inspiration from his stalwart commitment to liberty, the rule of law, and the sovereignty of the people.

As a younger man, Count Casimir Pulaski developed a reputation for tremendous bravery while fighting with his father to free his native Poland from Russian control. When Russia nevertheless prevailed, Pulaski faced exile and crossed Europe into France. There, in a fortuitous turn of events for America, Pulaski crossed paths with Benjamin Franklin, who urged him to join the cause of American independence. Rising rapidly through the ranks of the Continental Army to the position of Brigadier General, Pulaski demonstrated uncommon and contagious courage on the battlefield, saving the life of General George Washington at the Battle of Brandywine and transforming a cavalry legion of Americans, Germans, Frenchman, Irishmen, and Poles into a lethal fighting force.

On October 9, 1779, General Pulaski was severely wounded during the Battle of Savannah. Two days later, he died. In his memory, General Washington wrote that "[t]he Count's valor and active zeal on all occasions have done him great honor." Although General Pulaski did not live to see the Star-Spangled Banner fly victoriously over the field at Yorktown, his legacy of heroism and sacrifice is etched into our history, alongside that of heroes

like Marquis de Lafayette and Bernardo de Gálvez, and has inspired Americans for generations. By giving his last full measure of devotion for our freedom and independence, General Pulaski embodied the special bond that the American and Polish people cherish to this day. Indeed, more than two centuries after the General's heroic death, and 100 years since Poland gained its own independence, the United States of America and Poland continue to share a kindred devotion to the cause of freedom and to strengthening the bilateral relationship between our two countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim October 11, 2018, as General Pulaski Memorial Day. I encourage all Americans to commemorate on this occasion those who have contributed to the furthering of our Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this tenth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-third.

DONALD J. TRUMP

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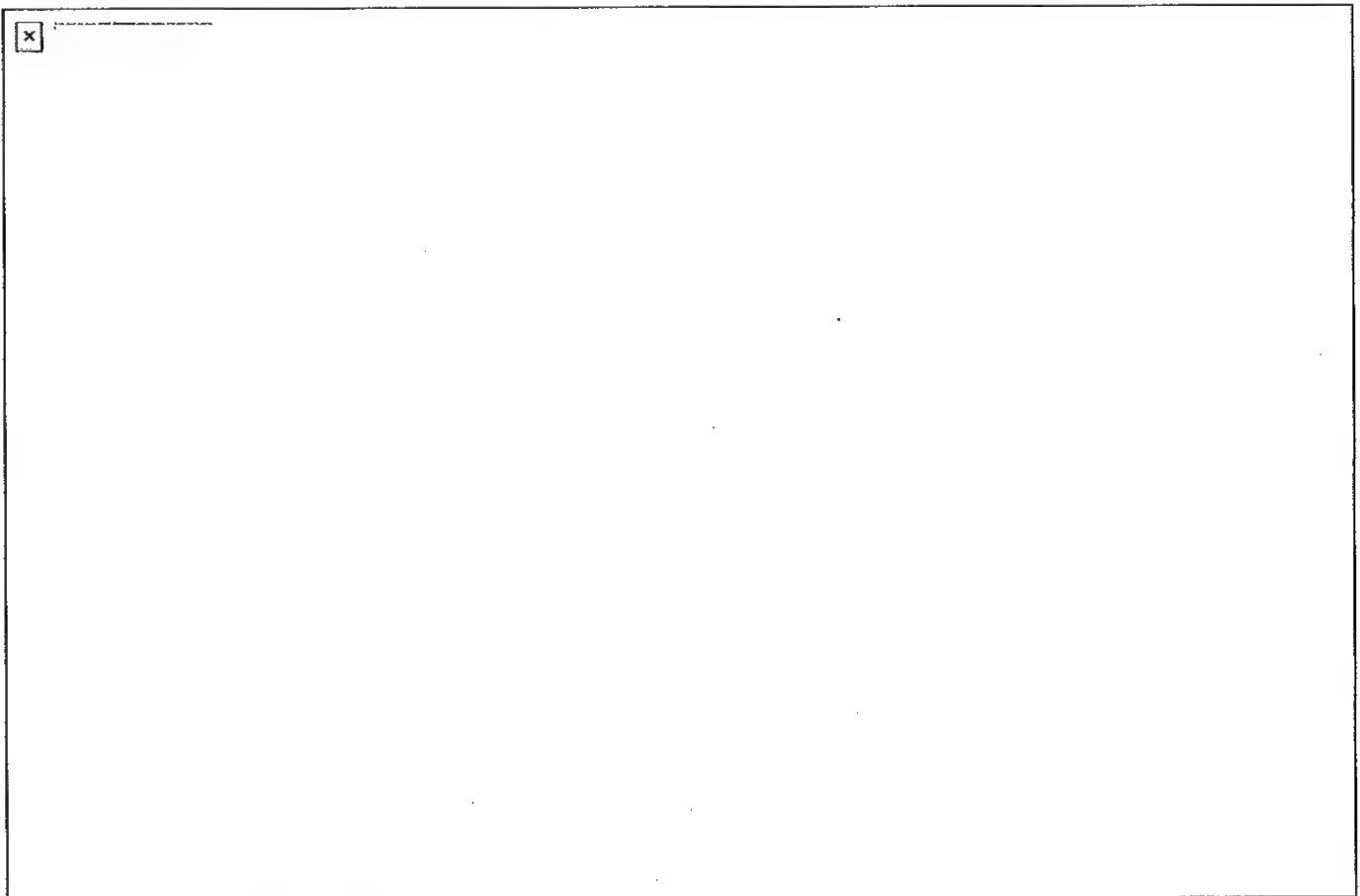
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October 10, 2018

## Photo of President Donald J. Trump's Call with Governor Kay Ivey of Alabama



President Donald J. Trump is seen on the phone aboard Air Force One Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018, as he talks with Alabama Governor Kay Ivey about the latest impact update on Hurricane Michael.  
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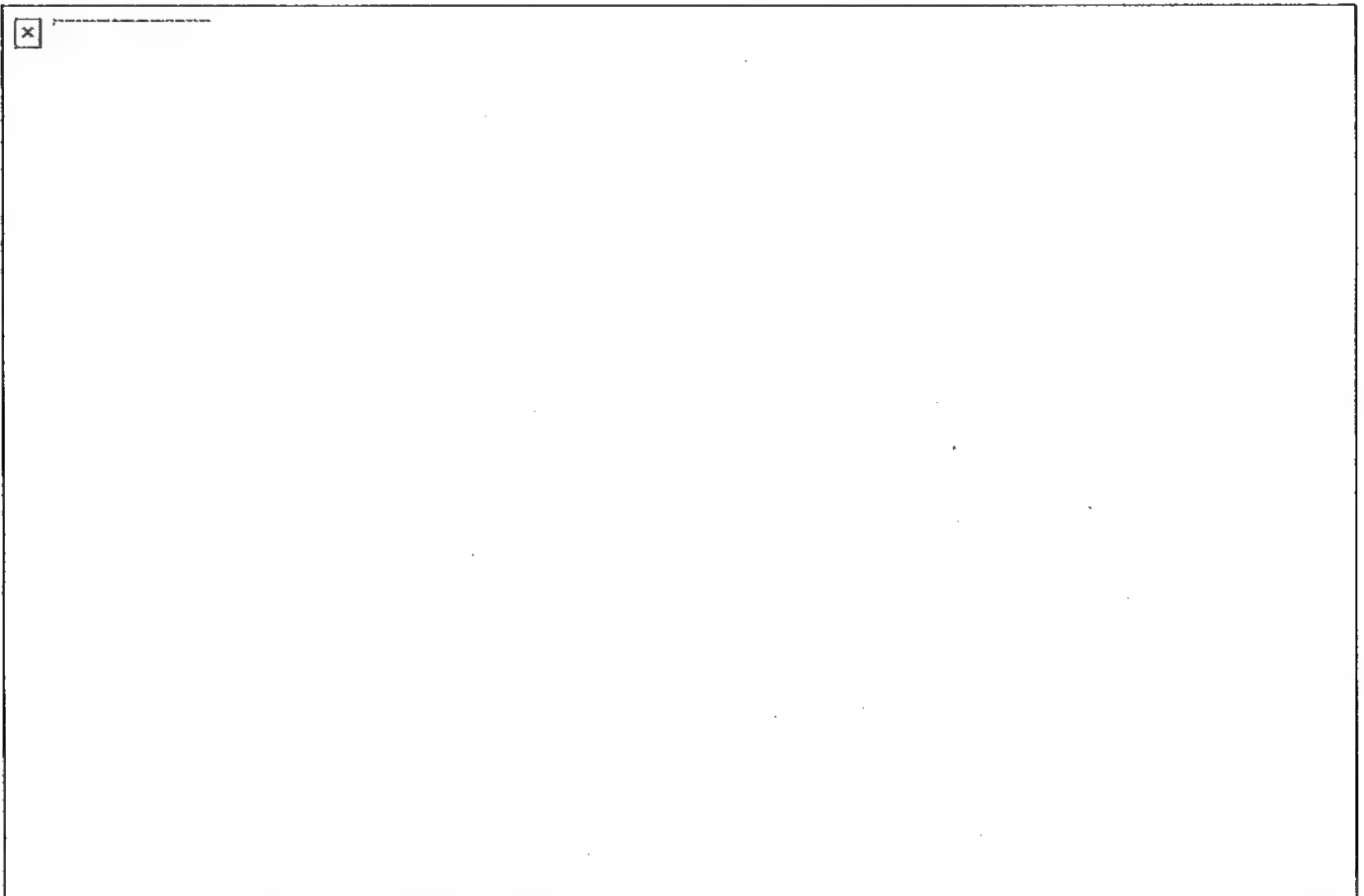
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## Photo of President Donald J. Trump's Call with Governor Nathan Deal of Georgia



President Donald J. Trump, joined by National Security Council Deputy Chief of Staff Joan O'Hara, is seen aboard Air Force One Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018, as he talks on the phone with Georgia Governor Nathan Deal about the latest impact update on Hurricane Michael. (Official White House

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REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRUMP  
IN BRIEFING WITH DHS SECRETARY KIRSTJEN NIELSEN  
AND FEMA ADMINISTATOR BROCK LONG  
ON HURRICANE MICHAEL

Oval Office

12:12 P.M. EDT

SECRETARY NIELSEN: All right, so I wanted to update you on Hurricane Michael. It's about 40 miles off the coast. It's starting to feel the effects now. It is a very dangerous Category 4. Just to remind the press, Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria were Cat fours. So

these are big storms that we're looking at.

So it'll hit the Panhandle, as you can see on this one right here, sir. And then it will go through Georgia and the Carolinas. Unfortunately, on the tail end, we do expect additional rain in the Carolinas, which could lead to additional flooding.

FEMA is leaning forward, as we are with our interagency partners. We're forward deployed. We have search and rescue ready to go. We're in very close contact with state and local authorities. We've all spoken with the governor and local officials.

And I'll turn it over to Brock to give additional details.

ADMINISTRATOR LONG: Thank you, Secretary. Unfortunately, this is a Gulf Coast hurricane of the worst kind because all of the elements associated with hurricanes come into play.

So, as you see on the left, the storm surge estimates are anywhere between 9 and 14 feet. The storm surge is going to be the worst where the eye makes landfall -- just to the east or south of where the eye makes landfall. Somewhere right now, it's projected between Panama City, Apalachicola, and then it's going to push forward.

So not only is it going to bring 14 feet of ocean water and coastal flood inundation, there will be wave action on top of that, which is the primary driver of why we evacuate, sir.

And then, coupled with that, you've got over-145-mile-per-hour winds. You know, structures built before 2001 are not designed to handle that type of wind, typically.

And it's going to, unfortunately, push through the states. So we're asking citizens in southwest Georgia, central Georgia to be vigilant and to make sure that they understand what's about to come --

because this area is going to see a Cat 1, Cat 2 storm as it moves inland. And with the vegetation there, what we're anticipating is a lot of downed trees impacting the power grid.

And here, again, we're going to see a lot of devastation along the coast, structurally. And then, as it moves in, you're going to see power outages throughout the state.

And then, unfortunately, you're going to see rainfall into South Carolina and North Carolina. The Cape Fear was projected to start receding from Hurricane Florence two days ago, and this will basically exacerbate the problem and add to it a little bit, to where it's going to keep those waters from receding a little bit as it exits the state by Friday.

THE PRESIDENT: So they're reporting that this is one of the most powerful hurricanes ever to hit our country. Is that actually a fact?

ADMINISTRATOR LONG: Well, you know, so in this area, this would be the most intense hurricane that has struck this area since 1851, if I remember correctly. So --

THE PRESIDENT: A long time.

SECRETARY NIELSEN: This is a big storm.

ADMINISTRATOR LONG: Yes. Intense. Very intense. But --

THE PRESIDENT: And this one is going to heavy rain or is it going to be the winds that are going to be the problem?

ADMINISTRATOR LONG: Storm surge and winds. And then for Georgia, they're going to see high inland winds, so you may see sustained

Category 1, Category 2 winds with higher gusts that are associated.

So we're expecting a lot of damage inland as well. But we have leaned forward with Governor Scott and his staff, and Director Wes Maul down in Florida. They've been leaning forward as well.

And right now, there's no identified shortfalls when it comes to pre-positioning. So we have teams, equipment, personnel not only with and embedded with state-of-Florida staff and some of the local county emergency managers. But we have equipment teams staged in Maxwell, to Atlanta, to Orlando ready to move in once we can -- once the elements subside and push through, and then we can move in and attack.

SECRETARY NIELSEN: And we're working really closely with the private sector. So they've got 14 states -- different utilities from 14 states are already ready to --

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah, (inaudible).

SECRETARY NIELSEN: -- are ready to help with any energy outages.

THE PRESIDENT: Electric companies are from all over the country, actually. They're all lined up. As soon as it goes by, they're going to be working. And we've got food supplies, food chains. We're working with all of the states.

And let me ask you: This started out very innocently a week ago. This was a small storm in an area they never thought. They said it grew into a monster.

ADMINISTRATOR LONG: Right. So the first initial indications from the National Hurricane Center started coming in around Saturday. And they picked it up and started raising the flag that, "Hey, this system is going to go from a wave to a depression, and it could potentially rapidly intensify." And unfortunately, that's typical of the Gulf

Coast.

And when they do this, those citizens have less time to prepare or heed the warnings. We are concerned that many citizens chose not to heed those warnings, but we're prepared with search and rescue teams to try to go in and do what we can.

THE PRESIDENT: Any questions for us?

Q Yes. Are you concerned that the folks in Florida and Georgia in the storm's path aren't prepared enough and that there aren't enough evacuations, to follow up on that point?

ADMINISTRATOR LONG: Yesterday, we were concerned that we were not -- we did not like the level of evacuation activity that we were seeing. And, you know, Governor Scott -- kudos to him. He leaned forward, used the new wireless emergency alert capabilities that we have, and sent out a text -- you know, text messaging last night. Leaned forward and said, "Hey, get out of there."

And so we were trying to get people to really take the storm seriously. A lot of people did heed the warning, but then there are those who chose to stay behind. And unfortunately, first responders may not be able to go in and rescue those who dial 911 at this point.

Q Mr. President, can you give us a sense of the officials you've been in contact with? Have you spoken to the governor?

THE PRESIDENT: I have. I have And the other governors, depending on what happens here -- but they are all either contacted or are in the process. I had a long talk with Rick Scott -- Governor Scott, of Florida. Very well coordinated with all of the states.

And, you know, one of the things that must be said is it's not so easy for some of these people to leave. Some of the areas are very

poor. It's not easy for a person without the necessary money to leave. So what we've done is we've sent buses. We've sent a lot of different -- we're doing a lot of different things to try and remove people from the area. But a lot of people are very poor in certain of those areas, and it's very tough for them to leave. That's one of the problems you're finding, I guess, huh?

ADMINISTRATOR LONG: Yeah. In some cases, what we asked to do on blue-sky days is ask people, who may not have the means or the mechanisms to get out of town, to register with their local emergency management agencies -- and Florida has been pretty robust in doing that -- so that we have some idea of how to pre-plan for that.

And then we do what we can to be able to support the movement of people. When it comes to Georgia, you know, we're not evacuating for storm surge in Georgia. This is going to be high winds. So we're asking people to get within a facility that can withstand the winds, and try to shelter in place or seek out public shelters that may be open in southwest Georgia.

THE PRESIDENT: But if you look at the size -- how long it is. Take a look at that. And the red area basically is the area where it's going to hit pretty heavily. And that's a -- that's a lot of shore. That's a lot of land.

SECRETARY NIELSEN: Yes, sir. There will be four feet of storm surge all the way down to Tampa Bay -- which, as you know, is very low-lying and floods very easily. But to give you that idea of the breadth of its path. It is quite large.

THE PRESIDENT: It's almost the entire size of the Gulf. When you look at it, topically, it's almost the entire size of the Gulf. And they haven't seen that. Maybe they haven't seen that at all. Nobody has seen that before.

ADMINISTRATOR LONG: The eye diameter is pretty wide, which unfortunately is not good news as it makes landfall. So some people may say it's similar to an EF3 tornado making landfall in areas that are

close to the eye. So it's --

Q Did last year's hurricanes in the area impair the infrastructure or weaken it in any way that they would struggle to deal with this year's hurricane?

ADMINISTRATOR LONG: Not in this area. Irma did not really heavily impact the Florida Panhandle. Most of the hits from Irma was in the southwest portion of Florida, and then moved up through and created some issues in the Jacksonville area and the northeastern portion.

But this area has been a long time since it's been hit, so the vegetation hasn't been stressed. And we're going to see a lot of damage and devastation, unfortunately. And we have to set the citizens' expectations that the power is going to be out for a while. And what FEMA's role in that is, as the Secretary was saying, our partnership with the private sector is that we work with the Florida Power and Lights, the Gulf Powers, the southern companies -- the Georgia Powers, to be able to help them facilitate their mutual aid to come in.

And they've got power crews coming in from multiple states across the country that are already pre-staged. And when we're hit, we work with them to do what's called "first push debris" to get the roadways open and so that we can get them down the roadways to start fixing the power. But that's going to take some time.

Q Mr. President, do you plan on changing any of your travel schedule (inaudible)?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, we don't know. I know was going to Pennsylvania. It looks like there are thousands of people already lined up, and probably will do that tonight. And we're going to go down here as soon as we can. We don't want to interfere with anybody, but we want to go as soon as possible.

You have -- you know, right nearby we have thousands of people

going tonight, and they've already -- many are there already.

What time are we -- were you going to be there? What time are we landing on that?

Q The rally tonight is scheduled for 7 o'clock.

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah, it's about seven.

Q Are you going to go ahead (inaudible)?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I don't know what to do, because you have so many people already there, and it's sort of unfair to them. So it's a mix. I'll be totally focused on this. But we'll make a determination over the next little while. But you have people that --

Q Does it make it for difficult for you to pay attention to the storms --

THE PRESIDENT: No, because I have great people, including these two. But I have great people. And it wouldn't make any difference in that sense. But I would like to be seeing what's going on. We want to get down there as soon as possible.

At the same time, I don't want to go down where we're interfering with the people -- first responders, the FEMA people. I want them to focus on the storm, not me. So we'll probably look to Sunday or Monday to go down and meet with the governors, meet with everybody, and do what we have to do, like we did in North Carolina, South Carolina, where that worked out really well.

Now, they're going to get hit also. I mean, North Carolina and South Carolina are going to get a lot of water. Nothing like they had

two weeks ago. But they're going to get a lot of water also, and that water is still draining out. So this is a pretty big problem. I really worry a little bit about South Carolina and North Carolina, from the standpoint they're already saturated, and they're going to get a reasonable hit. Right?

ADMINISTRATOR LONG: Right, yeah. They will, sir. You're going to see as much as eight -- you know, possibly eight inches in isolated areas through South Carolina and North Carolina. And as I said, it's all about the rivers being able to process the water from Florence. And some of them haven't had the time to do that, so this doesn't help.

Q President Trump, should Saudi Arabia release the journalist (inaudible)?

THE PRESIDENT: I will have to take a look at it exactly. When you say release the journalist, who are you talking about?

Q They have imprisoned a journalist named (inaudible).

THE PRESIDENT: That I'd have to look into. I'm not familiar with it.

Q Can I ask you about Jamal Khashoggi?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes.

Q Are you concerned that he's dead? And do you hold the Saudi government responsible?

THE PRESIDENT: I would be certainly concerned. In fact, we have a call in to his wife.

Q Do you think he's dead, Mr. President?

THE PRESIDENT: His wife wrote us a letter, and addressed it to my wife and myself. And we're in contact with her now, and we want to bring her to the White House. It's a very sad situation. It's a very bad situation. And we want to get to the bottom of it.

Q Do you think he's dead, Mr. President?

THE PRESIDENT: I don't want to make -- I don't want to say that. I hope he's not. I hope he's not.

Q Would you hold the Saudi government responsible?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I have to find out who did it. But people saw him go in but they didn't see him come out, as they understand it. And we're going to take a very serious look at it. It's a terrible thing.

Q Have you spoken to the Saudis?

THE PRESIDENT: I'd rather not say. But the answer is yes. (Laughter.)

Q Can you give us a sense of when his wife, fiancée, might be coming to the White House, and your message to her?

THE PRESIDENT: I would say fairly quickly. I would say fairly quickly. They're in touch. You may speak to First Lady's folks because they're in touch, and she'll be most likely coming to the White

House. We'll work on it together. It's a terrible thing.

Q Lindsey Graham says there will be hell to pay if the Saudis are, in fact, responsible. Do you share that view?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, Lindsey can speak for himself. But this is a bad situation. We cannot let this happen to reporters, to anybody. We can't let this happen. And we're going to get the bottom of it. Okay? But you may want to speak to the First Lady's office about it.

Q Mr. President, who did you talk to in the Saudi government?

THE PRESIDENT: I'd rather not say, but at a very high level. The highest level. Let me say this: It's the highest level.

Q (Inaudible) last couple days about this?

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah. And more than once.

Q You had mentioned that you spoke with King Salman. So, I mean, the highest level --

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I do anyway. And I've always found him to be a fine man. We've had a very good relationship. I'm not happy about this. We have to see what happens. We have to see what happens. Nobody knows what happened yet. They don't know over there. But it's a very serious situation, and it's something we're taking very seriously. Okay?

Q Mr. President, several countries, like India and China, are planning to buy oil from Iran, even after the (inaudible). What is the

message to those countries?

THE PRESIDENT: We'll take care of that. We'll take care of that.

Q There's a report out of Seoul today that the South Korean government is considering lifting some sanctions against -- the South Korean government is considering lifting --

THE PRESIDENT: Well, they won't do it without our approval. They do nothing without our approval.

Q Have they been in contact with you?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes. They do nothing without our approval.

Q President Trump, do you plan to release more people like Alice Johnson?

THE PRESIDENT: We'll talk to you about that later.

Q Are you any closer to picking a replacement for Ambassador Haley?

THE PRESIDENT: And, by the way, when we get -- Alice Johnson is such a great person, such a great case. I'd like to find a lot of people like Alice Johnson. And there are a lot of people that are in a situation like that, and we are actively looking for those situations. She's a terrific woman. I've been watching her a lot. And what a great spokesman she is for that situation. And that's covering a lot of people. There are a lot of people like that that will unfortunately be locked up for many, many years. And there's no reason for it.

So we are looking for -- we are actively looking for other situations exactly like that.

Q Would you consider Dina Powell the frontrunner to U.N. Ambassador?

THE PRESIDENT: No, but she's somebody we're talking to. We like Dina. Dina did great here. She then went back into the private sector for a while, but she always wanted to come back. She loves this administration. So we're certainly looking at Dina, and we're looking at others. There's some tremendously talented people. Nikki is going to be here until the end of the year. Nikki is our friend. She's been great. I want whoever it is to spend some time with Nikki before Nikki goes out and gets herself a job, and hopefully does -- she's going to make a lot of money. And I think Nikki will come back in some form, too. But she's an extraordinary person, good person.

But we're looking at many people. Many people want that job.

Q Mr. President, any concern about the fact that she announced her departure before the midterms? Some here --

THE PRESIDENT: No, there's no good time. I mean, there will is no good time. She told me about this a long time ago. And, frankly, it's -- you know, almost four weeks. So it's not that bad. No, I don't think so at all. I thought it was very elegantly done.

If she waited until after, then they'd say, "Oh, she..." You know, if we win, they'd say, why is she doing it. And if we lose, they'd say, oh, well that's obvious why she's doing it. Okay? So there's really no good time to do it.

But she and I had spoke at least six months ago. Maybe even a year ago we had conversations. She wanted to be here about two years. And I think the point really was, last week at the United Nations, she wanted

to get through that and then go probably into the private sector for a while. And I'm sure she's going to come back into government because she's a terrific person.

Q What's the vetting process like, Mr. President? What are you looking for in your next --

THE PRESIDENT: Very strong vetting. But some of the people we've already vetted. Some of the people are with us. We're looking at people that were already with us. And we have some incredible talent in this administration. We have some great, great talent. And they've already been vetted. They were already approved.

Any other questions on this?

Q Mr. President, one more question. Last week, India signed an agreement with Russia to purchase the S-400 missile defense system --

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah, I know they did.

Q -- \$5.4 billion. Would CAATSA sanctions apply to India? Or are you planning to do (inaudible)?

THE PRESIDENT: India is going to find out, aren't they?

Q Are you planning to give them a waiver?

THE PRESIDENT: India will find out.

Q When?

THE PRESIDENT: You'll see. Sooner than you think.

Q Can I ask another question on this? You talked a lot about the size and the scope of it. Can you help us understand just how big it's going to be? Florence was a historic storm. Is it going to be bigger than Florence? How should we think about the size and the magnitude?

ADMINISTRATOR LONG: Well, for this area of the Florida Panhandle, it's going to be historic. I mean, this is the worst hit that they've had in recent history. You know, it's Cat 4 going in. What else can -- what else can we say?

THE PRESIDENT: Very rare that you see a 4.

SECRETARY NIELSEN: That's about 150 miles per hour right now.

THE PRESIDENT: And these winds are -- you know --

SECRETARY NIELSEN: I mean, this is a very serious storm.

THE PRESIDENT: --- and much more in certain areas.

Q How many people are unable to evacuate? Is there an estimate?

THE PRESIDENT: Many. Many.

Q Like thousands?

THE PRESIDENT: You have poor people. It's very sad. And they are unable. More than we would like. More than we would like. And, you know, you have people that are stuck. They're just stuck there.

We're moving a lot of people out, but you have some people that don't want to go out. They own a home and they just don't want to go out. And you can't force them to go out.

But these are great people that -- I love this area. I love it. There's something about the people in the area. And they will be okay. They are strong, smart, wonderful people. But you have certain sections where, really, you have pretty extreme poverty; you don't have money. And it's very hard for those people. But we're moving a lot out.

Q Do you have a message for those who are in the storm's path that haven't evacuated?

THE PRESIDENT: I say, "God bless you all." That's my message -- because that's what it is. The storm is there. I mean, that storm is there. It's sort of too late to do anything about it now from the standpoint of moving.

Tell us about that. If somebody said -- they're watching this now, and they want to leave, it's --

ADMINISTRATOR LONG: The window to evacuate has come to a close. I mean, you know, once -- you know, in some cases --

THE PRESIDENT: (Inaudible.)

ADMINISTRATOR LONG: -- all these barrier islands, they have to shut down the drawbridges at certain sustained winds. And quite honestly,

the ocean has already started rising in some of those areas where we're anticipating the storm surge.

And as I said earlier, the most important thing is, is that if you're in an area and you can't get out of that area, try to get elevated, and try to get into a facility that you think can withstand the winds.

Q Is there anything that you're doing for this storm differently than you did for hurricanes Maria or any of the other past hurricanes?

ADMINISTRATOR LONG: You know what? We're putting the full force of the federal government and the firepower of the federal government down and pre-staging to be able to help our state partners. We don't treat --

THE PRESIDENT: But I do think we're trying to move people more here because of the winds. We're worried about the houses. You know, these houses weren't built for 180-mile-an-hour winds. You have wind gusts up to 185, they say. That's as bad as -- pretty much as bad as it can get. And these houses aren't built for that kind of destruction.

So I think more than anything else, we're trying to move more people out than we've ever before.

ADMINISTRATOR LONG: I think what was different was Governor Scott leaning forward and using the wireless emergency alert. And I think that's the first time that it's actually been used in this platform, to my knowledge. And, you know, just trying to hammer home the --

SECRETARY NIELSEN: That was a great way to communicate with those barrier islands you see, using that alert system.

Q A lot of folks, I think, woke up and they were surprised when they saw Category 4. Were state and local officials, or was the federal

government in any way caught off guard by the strength of this?

ADMINISTRATOR LONG: FEMA was not, by any means, and neither was the state of Florida. You know, the bottom line is, is that any time we're dealing with a Gulf Coast storm, we always plan for one category, possibly two, higher -- because we understand that trying to forecast the intensity of these storms is very difficult for the National Hurricane Center to do. So, therefore, we always plan one or two categories higher than what's actually forecast days in advance, because we know that the window to actually move people into position and get ready shuts pretty quickly in Gulf Coast storms because of the (inaudible).

SECRETARY NIELSEN: This is why we have National Hurricane season, right? I mean, the whole season we encourage everybody to be prepared, have your kits, know how you'll communicate with your family, know your evacuation route. Because sometimes they increase in intensity so quickly. If you're thinking about it then for the first time, you're not going to be safe. So that's why we have the season. During that whole season, you should be prepared for a hurricane.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, this was projected to be a storm three days ago, not a hurricane. And it grew, and it grew as rapidly as anything they've ever seen. That's the problem. And we're very, very prepared. We have massive amounts of food and water that gets brought in immediately as it's leaving. I mean, literally, we follow it right in.

And the electrical folks and, you know, the different electrical companies, they have thousands -- they're going to have over 10,000 people, and they're literally waiting, and they go and follow it in. They have to clear out the streets. But they literally follow it right in.

So that's going to be okay. I mean, the thing we're worried about is that initial -- the wind. Because supposedly, if you believe everything you're seeing not only from our people, if you see it on television, they haven't seen winds like this. So this is different than a lot of water, which is bad too. But they have not seen winds like this in a long time.

ADMINISTRATOR LONG: Yep, you can replace all the infrastructures.

THE PRESIDENT: Some of it they had almost 200 miles an hour, and I've never even heard of that before. I've never heard of it. It's almost like a big -- it's like a big tornado, a massive tornado. So we have to be very careful, and we just hope the structures can hold up. And if they can't, we hope people aren't in those structures; that they were able to get out.

Well, thank you all very much. We appreciate you very much.

Q Can I ask one more on Khashoggi? Do you have a message to the Saudi government? Are you demanding information?

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah, we are. We're demanding everything. And we want to see what's going on here. That's a bad situation. And, frankly, the fact that it's a reporter, you could say, in many respects, it makes it -- it brings it to a level.

It's a very serious situation for us and for this White House. We do not like seeing what's going on. Now, as you know, they're saying we had nothing to do with it. But so far, everyone is saying they had nothing to do with it. And it's inside of Turkey. And the Turkish government is working very strongly so far, so we'll see what happens.

Q Sounds like you don't buy their denials.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I want to see what happens. And we're working very closely with Turkey, and I think we'll get to the bottom of it.

Thank you all very much.

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1:49 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Well, thank you very much everybody. This is a very important day for our country in a lot of ways. But before we begin, we have another important subject. I want to give an update on the really devastating storm bearing down on Florida. It's moving rapidly, and it's at a very high level. Some are saying it's one of the biggest storms ever to hit our country.

It built very rapidly, very quickly. And I've just concluded a briefing with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Administrator of FEMA, and we are watching Hurricane Michael. It's just hitting shore now. Winds are going up to close to 200 miles an hour. You don't hear about that. Category 4 -- you don't hear about that.

This is the most powerful recorded storm to strike the Florida Panhandle ever, and it will bring with it anywhere from 150-mile to almost 200-mile-an-hour winds. The storm surges could be up to 15 feet. Additional rainfall could also produce flash flooding at the highest levels.

We've been in constant communications with Governor Rick Scott of Florida and with all of the authorities in the various states. We're very well prepared for it. Massive amounts of food and we have first responders all over. The electrical companies are staged and ready to go in immediately after the storm leaves. Thousands of people, hundreds of trucks -- actually, over a thousand trucks.

So we have large amounts of food and water and everything else that you need. And that will go -- immediately be rushed in as the storm leaves.

Federal resources are on the ground at every level. And so we are absolutely ready. It's a top priority, and the single top priority is the saving of life. We have moved a lot of people off the area and out of the path of the storm, but people remain; some people just don't want to go. And we have no choice but to let them stay.

It's going to be a big one. The winds are going to be so tremendous. This will be a lot of water, but this will be tremendous wind. And a lot of those houses aren't built for winds like that. We haven't seen winds like that.

Florida and Georgia will bear the brunt of the storm. However, Hurricane Michael, as it's called, is expected to bring very, very considerable rainfall to North and South Carolina, in addition. And I just left there, and they -- they had a tremendous storm, as you know -- Florence. And that was a heavy water storm. More so than the wind, it was the water. And now, unfortunately, North and South Carolina are going to be getting some additional water as it dries out, and here comes some more water.

So it's a tough situation. But we're with them. We're with Georgia. We're with Florida. We're with Alabama. Everybody that's going to be hit, we have covered. And I just say God bless everyone because it's going to be a rough one. It's going to be a very dangerous one.

My administration will continue to provide updates and information as it becomes available.

We are -- we're here today on a very different subject, and that's the issue of, really, to me, vital importance; it's been from day one of the administration. It's the wellbeing of every American. The price of prescription drugs -- it's way out of whack. It's way too high. I've been talking about it for a long time, long before I ever decided to run for President.

You look at prices in our country, and for the exact same drug, in other countries, it's much lower. Exact same -- made in the same plant by the same company. And I said, "What's going on?" We have middleman problems. We have a lot of other problems. Well, we're ending many of those problems today. And we're going to end them.

Based on what we're signing today -- two bills -- we'll be able to do additional things, Mr. Secretary, over the coming, actually, months -- as opposed to years. And we're going to see drug prices not only not go up, but come down.

So today, I am thrilled to sign two bills that will lower the cost of prescription drugs. It's the Know the Lowest Price Act of 2018 and the Patient Right to Know Drug Prices Act. And, obviously, based on the name, you can tell that this gives people knowledge as to prices at different locations -- where to buy the drugs. That will have an immediate impact, too.

It's called the law of supply of demand. Pretty simple. But we didn't have that. They didn't want to have that. A lot of people didn't want to have that. But now we have it, and it's going to really drive prices.

Earlier this year, I released our drug pricing blueprint, setting out a new agenda to drive down the drug prices for all Americans. Within a week of announcing the blueprint, my administration began to crack down on so-called "gag clauses" in Medicare Part D plans. You all know what that is. These clauses prevent pharmacists from telling patients about more affordable options for prescription drugs.

Today, Congress is building on my administration's actions with legislation -- very strong legislation -- to completely end these unjust gag clauses once and for all. Our great citizens deserve to know the lowest price available at our pharmacies, and now that is what they will be getting. They'll be able to see pricing. They'll be able to see where they should go. And as they start leaving certain pharmacies, those pharmacies will be dropping their prices.

I'd like to thank Senator Susan Collins for her incredible leadership on this legislation. And I haven't seen you in a few days. (Laughter.) I want to also thank you for some of the most beautiful words. It was incredible. Admired by everybody. Thank you, Susan. Really amazing. Thank you very much.

And I would also like to recognize Senator Lamar Alexander, my friend; Senator Bill Cassidy, my friend; Senator Debbie Stabenow, who I don't know, but someday she'll be a friend. (Laughter.) And somebody that's really worked hard -- I've heard this for a long time -- Representative Buddy Carter. Really worked -- thank you, Buddy.

Also, of course, I'd like to thank Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex Azar. Extraordinary person. And he knows the industry better than anybody because he was very successful in the industry.

Only 100 days after releasing my drug pricing blueprint, 15 drug companies reduced their list prices, rolled back price increases, or froze their prices for the rest of the year. And I think you probably remember a month ago when I called -- at the request of Alex Azar, I called Pfizer, Novartis, a couple of others. And they had announced drug price increases -- fairly substantial. And I said, "Can't do that. Can't do that. We're going down. We're not going up."

And that's probably when I first realized the power of presidency because they all ended that increase. (Laughter.) You saw that, Bill. You've never seen that one before.

But they all said, "Sir, we're not going to increase." And they put out notices that the increase will not take effect. And I said, "Boy, this is a powerful position." (Laughter.)

But it was really at the behest of the Secretary. And we've kept them down, but we're now going to watch them go actually down.

We've increased competition and reduced regulations to deliver medicine to patients faster and cheaper.

We've massively sped up the FDA approval process. Last year, the FDA approved more than 1,000 low-cost generics -- the most in its history; never done anything like that -- saving America almost \$9 billion in the first year of my administration. It's a very important thing for us. And I can tell you, this has been a priority from day one.

We took action to stop hospitals from overcharging seniors on Medicare, which will save them hundreds of millions of dollars on drug payments in this year alone.

We've given Medicare Part D plans new tools to negotiate lower prices for more drugs. Thanks to our actions to increase competition and drive down costs, average Medicare Part D premiums will start to substantially decline for the second year in a row. We've already gotten it down a lot, but now it's going to go down with what we're doing today and what we've done over the last couple of months.

Further, I've directed my administration to confront the global freeloading of U.S. taxpayers. Foreign countries extort lower prices from U.S. drug-makers for their citizens, subsidized by higher cost prices for American citizens. All research and development and everything is borne by our country, and other countries are not asked to, you know, pick up their fair share. It's called "welcome to the game." Because on -- whether it's trade or military or so many other things, they do the same thing. But it will all stop.

We are also taking dramatic action to make health insurance more affordable. We're allowing Americans to pool their resources to buy better healthcare for less money through association health plans. And that's really taken off. And they're getting tremendous deals -- actually, even lower than we thought. It's a beautiful thing to see.

And we've expanded access to short-term plans to provide coverage options at just a fraction of the cost of Obamacare. Much less money.

For example, according to E-Health, the average lowest premium for an Obamacare plan for a 40-year old woman is about \$4,200 per year. By

contrast, the average lowest premium for short-term coverage for this individual is about \$1,300 a year -- a savings of \$3,000. And I would say most people would say it would be better. So it's much less money, and it's better. And people are signing up very rapidly, as we see.

We've also ended the unfair individual mandate penalty, which punished Americans because they didn't want to pay a fortune for the Obamacare disaster. It was one of the worst things. People are paying a lot of money for the privilege of not paying a lot of money for bad healthcare. And we've ended it. It was the most unpopular thing within Obamacare.

And thanks to our actions today -- all of us, every one of us here -- for the first time since Obamacare went into effect, average premiums on the exchanges are coming down. Through good management and lots of other things, we're keeping the premiums down.

We're strongly protecting Americans with preexisting conditions. That's a very important thing to Republicans -- preexisting conditions. We are protecting Americans with preexisting conditions.

In less than two years, we have taken unprecedented action to make healthcare more affordable and to give patients more choice and more control.

The American people deserve a healthcare system that works for them, not one that takes advantage of them -- and that's what been happening. But we're changing that rapidly.

Along with a very Republican Congress, I am delivering on my promise to lower drug prices. And I really do believe Democrats want to do that too, very much. I've spoken to many of them, and they want to see that happen, too. Debbie, I can tell you: They want to see it happen. Okay? I can't put you in a position where you want -- you want them to go down too.

SENATOR STABENOW: (Inaudible.)

THE PRESIDENT: We all do. If there's anything bipartisan, it's lowering drug prices.

Lower premiums -- we're making healthcare really affordable and making it great. And it's affecting all Americans.

So tremendous progress has been made. But where we're making very obvious progress, and you can see it, is we are reducing prescription drugs and the cost of prescription drugs.

So I want to thank all of the folks behind me and aside me. We have the great Larry Kudlow, whose voice is so beautiful. For so many years, I've listened. And now he's working with us. And every time I hear those beautiful words -- and they have been beautiful.

The economy, Larry, how is it doing?

MR. KUDLOW: Couldn't be better.

THE PRESIDENT: Good. Good. (Laughter.) Good. It is doing well. Thank you. (Applause.) I'm going to sign this now. Thank you.

I'd like to ask the Secretary just to say a few words on the actual pricing itself. Okay? Thank you.

SECRETARY AZAR: Well, that you very much, Mr. President. And I just want to echo the President's gratitude to the members of Congress and the Senate for passing these two very important pieces of legislation that end pharmacy gag practices.

You know, what that's about is preventing a patient from knowing they could pay less for drugs. And now we're giving patients the right to know. You can ask your pharmacist, "Could I pay less for this medicine than what my insurance is going to make me pay?" And that's an important right.

And it shows that, with drug pricing, it's one of the areas where we can really work in a bipartisan way because there is significant consensus we've got to get drug prices down.

And thanks to the President's leadership, we've already taken major action since the President rolled out his blueprint, brought competition and negotiation for the first time ever to an important part of the Medicare program. We're creating a pathway for importation of drugs to relieve exorbitant price increases of generic drugs and other branded, sole-source drugs here in the United States that are off-patent.

And he's also brought increased competition through generic approvals and historic levels, and ended gaming by branded companies to prevent the entrance of new generic drugs. And more on that coming soon.

And this is just the tip of the iceberg. In the weeks and months ahead, we have got so much more coming, in terms of regulatory action to bring down the price of drugs in this country.

And the President is adamant about that. We're going to deliver on that. And it's all coming to a theater near you. And thank you very much, Mr. President, for your leadership here.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much.

SECRETARY AZAR: Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. It's been long in the making.

(The bills are signed.) (Applause.)

Okay. That's a big -- that's a big thing. (Applause.)

Q Mr. President, given the gravity of the storm, do you think it's appropriate to go on a campaign trip tonight, sir?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I hear they have thousands of people lined up, and so we are in a little bit of a quagmire. I don't want to disappoint people. They've gotten there -- some people were saying that they got there last night. I believe it starts at about 7 o'clock -- going to Pennsylvania.

So we'll probably go. Because what are you going to do? Tell thousands of people that have been waiting there all night that we're not coming? That's not fair either. So it's a very --

But we have our -- it's a very difficult situation, actually. We have our people ready. We are really ready in Florida, and, frankly, Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina. We're very ready. And I think it'll be just fine.

But I can't tell thousands of people that have been waiting -- some of whom got there literally last night, in order to be and get into an arena at 7 o'clock. It's hard to tell them, "By the way, you've been waiting all day. Go home." That's not nice, either.

I'm going to give some pens out. Come on over here, Carter. (Laughter and applause.) Lamar, thank you very much. And we have a few -- come on over here, Mr. Secretary. Who's back here? He deserves it, huh? (Applause.)

Everybody all set over here? Thank you all very much. Appreciate it. (Applause.)

Q Mr. President, did you speak to the Saudi Crown Prince, sir? Or only staff?

THE PRESIDENT: We're going to have a comment on that very soon. And we are very disappointed to see what's going on. We don't like it. We don't like it at all. And we're going to get to the bottom of it. Thank you very much. Thank you, folks. (Applause.)

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**PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP IS ENSURING PATIENTS RECEIVE THE INFORMATION THEY NEED TO SAVE MONEY ON PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

*"We will work every day to ensure all Americans have access to the quality, affordable medication they need and they deserve." – President Donald J. Trump*

**HELPING PATIENTS SAVE MONEY:** President Donald J. Trump is signing legislation to help give patients more information to save on their prescription drugs.

- Gag clauses prevent pharmacists from telling patients when they would pay less for drugs out of their own pocket instead of using their insurance.
- President Trump is signing legislation ending "gag clauses," following through on his promise to end these unfair clauses and help save patients money on the drugs they need.
  - The President is signing the Know the Lowest Price Act and the Patient Right to Know Drug Prices Act to end gag clauses for patients on Medicare and private plans.
  - The President's blueprint for lowering drug prices and reducing out-of-pocket costs called for an end to "gag clauses."

**LOWERING DRUG PRICES:** The President is working to deliver savings for American patients.

- President Trump has made lowering drug prices a priority for his Administration and has taken action to achieve this goal.
- The Food and Drug Administration approved the most generic drug applications ever in 2017.
  - These approvals saved patients an estimated \$8.8 billion in 2017 alone.
  - These savings are estimated to jump to \$16 billion over one full year after each generic approval in 2017.
- In May 2018, President Trump released an American Patients First blueprint to lower drug prices and reduce out-of-pocket costs.
  - This blueprint laid out strategies for reform, including improved competition, better negotiation, incentives for lower list prices, and lowering out-of-pocket costs.
- Fifteen large drug manufacturers responded to the President's blueprint by announcing price freezes, reductions, and rollbacks.
- The Trump Administration finalized changes to Medicare's payment rate for certain drugs that will save seniors an estimated \$320 million in drug costs this year.

**PROTECTING SENIORS' HEALTHCARE:** President Trump will fight against so-called "Medicare for All" proposals that would take away benefits seniors have paid into all their lives.

- While some have rallied around a proposal that would end Medicare as we know it, President Trump will fight to ensure seniors receive the benefits into which they have paid.
  - This proposal would lead to an extreme, anti-senior, anti-choice, and anti-consumer government takeover of health care.
- This so-called “Medicare for All” proposal would establish a government run, single-payer healthcare system that experts estimate would cost \$32 trillion.
  - Even doubling taxes wouldn’t be enough to pay for this astonishing price-tag.
- Supporters of “Medicare for All” would have no choice but to cut benefits, raise economy-crippling taxes, or both to cover the massive cost
  - Many seniors would lose access to their favorite doctors and face long lines for appointments and procedures.
- “Medicare for All” would eliminate Medicare Advantage plans for millions of seniors and take away seniors’ options for private supplemental coverage.

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**To:** Anderson, Ryan  
**Subject:** President Donald J. Trump Signs S. 2553 and S. 2554 into Law

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October 10, 2018

On Wednesday, October 10, 2018, the President signed into law:

S. 2553, the "Know the Lowest Price Act of 2018," which prohibits Medicare Prescription Drug Plan sponsors and Medicare Advantage organizations from restricting or penalizing the disclosure of certain drug pricing information to enrollees; and

S. 2554, the "Patient Right to Know Drug Prices Act," which prohibits health insurers from restricting or penalizing the disclosure of certain drug pricing information to enrollees, and to require the filing of settlements between biosimilar product developers.

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**Statement from the Press Secretary on the Death of Venezuelan Opposition Councilman**

The United States condemns the Maduro regime's involvement in the death of Venezuelan opposition councilman Fernando Alban. Venezuelan authorities took Alban into custody on October 5, upon his return from the United Nations General Assembly, where he spoke to the world about the importance of returning democracy to the people of Venezuela. He died three days later while in the custody of Venezuela's intelligence service. The Trump Administration will continue to increase pressure on the Maduro regime and its insiders until democracy is restored in Venezuela. The United States calls for the immediate release of all Venezuelan political prisoners, and for the Maduro regime to take direct, credible steps to reestablish democracy in Venezuela and to prevent further suffering and bloodshed.

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**To:** Pottebaum, Nicholas D. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** INVITATION - SOTU Preview Background Call - Tomorrow 1:30 PM EST

Attorneys General Senior Staff,

You are invited to join a call tomorrow previewing of the President's State of the Union that will be delivered on January 30.

Tomorrow, Saturday, January 27, the White House Communications Team will be previewing the President's State of the Union address. They will detail the major themes of the address, along with keywords to describe the speech, and some excerpts as prepared for delivery.

**State of the Union Preview Call with White House Communications Teams**

- Date: Saturday, January 27
- Time: 1:30 PM Eastern Standard Time
- Call-In Information: a participant may register for the conference call at <http://ems6.intellor.com/?do=register&t=2&p=601849>. After registering you will receive an email containing dial-in numbers and a personalized access code.

This call will be on background, and informational only – they will not be taking questions.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
Nic

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**To:** Pottebaum, Nicholas D. EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** White House Framework on Immigration Reform & Border Security

Attorneys General Staff,

Please see below for the White House Framework on Immigration Reform and Border Security.

Thanks,  
Nic

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**To:** Sadler, Kelly J. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** WHITE HOUSE FRAMEWORK ON IMMIGRATION REFORM & BORDER SECURITY

### **WHITE HOUSE FRAMEWORK ON IMMIGRATION REFORM & BORDER SECURITY**

**BORDER SECURITY:** Securing the Southern and Northern border of the United States takes a combination of physical infrastructure, technology, personnel, resources, authorities, and the ability to close legal loopholes that are exploited by smugglers, traffickers, cartels, criminals and terrorists.

- The Department of Homeland Security must have the tools to deter illegal immigration; the ability to remove individuals who illegally enter the United States; and the vital authorities necessary to protect national security.
- These measures below are the minimum tools necessary to mitigate the rapidly growing surge of illegal immigration.
  - \$25 billion trust fund for the border wall system, ports of entry/exit, and northern border improvements and enhancements.
  - Close crippling personnel deficiencies by appropriating additional funds to hire new DHS personnel, ICE attorneys, immigration judges, prosecutors and other law enforcement professionals.
  - Hiring and pay reforms to ensure the recruitment and retention of critically-needed personnel.
  - Deter illegal entry by ending dangerous statutorily-imposed catch-and-release and by closing legal loopholes that have eroded our ability to secure the immigration system and protect public safety.

- Ensure the detention and removal of criminal aliens, gang members, violent offenders, and aggravated felons.
- Ensure the prompt removal of illegal border-crossers regardless of country of origin.
- Deter visa overstays with efficient removal.
- Ensure synthetic drugs (fentanyl) are prevented from entering the country.
- Institute immigration court reforms to improve efficiency and prevent fraud and abuse.

**DACA LEGALIZATION:** Provide legal status for DACA recipients and other DACA-eligible illegal immigrants, adjusting the time-frame to encompass a total population of approximately 1.8 million individuals.

- 10-12 year path to citizenship, with requirements for work, education and good moral character.
- Clear eligibility requirements to mitigate fraud.
- Status is subject to revocation for criminal conduct or public safety and national security concerns, public charge, fraud, etc.

**PROTECT THE NUCLEAR FAMILY:** Protect the nuclear family by emphasizing close familial relationships.

- Promote nuclear family migration by limiting family sponsorships to spouses and minor children only (for both Citizens and LPRs), ending extended-family chain migration.
- Apply these changes prospectively, not retroactively, by processing the “backlog.”

**ELIMINATE LOTTERY AND REPURPOSE VISAS:** The Visa Lottery selects individuals at random to come to the United States without consideration of skills, merit or public safety.

- This program is riddled with fraud and abuse and does not serve the national interest.
- Eliminate lottery and reallocate the visas to reduce the family-based “backlog” and high-skilled employment “backlog.”

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**To:** Pottebaum, Nicholas D. EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** Attorney General Jeff Sessions: "Trump promised to end 'American carnage.' Promise delivered."

Attorneys General Staff,

We wanted to make sure your teams and bosses saw this Op-Ed from Attorney General Sessions today in the USA Today.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
Nic

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**ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS: "TRUMP PROMISED TO END 'AMERICAN CARNAGE.'  
PROMISE DELIVERED."**

*"For the first time in a long time, Americans can have hope for a safer future, with a slower murder rate and decreasing violent crime."*

**Jeff Sessions: Trump promised to end 'American carnage.' Promise delivered.**  
Attorney General Jeff Sessions  
USA Today  
January 23, 2018

When President Trump was inaugurated, he made the American people a promise: "This American carnage stops right here and stops right now."

It is a promise that he has kept.

In the fight against crime, there is a lot at stake. There is even more at stake for communities that are already struggling. In high-crime areas, businesses and jobs leave, property values plummet, and kids have a harder time in school. These sad consequences only lead to a vicious cycle of crime, poverty and more crime.

...

Trump ran for office on a message of law and order, and he won. When he took office, he ordered the Department of Justice to stop and reverse these trends — and that is what we have been doing every day for the past year.

We have placed trust in our prosecutors again, and we're restoring respect for law enforcement. We have invested in new resources and put in place smarter policies based on sound research.

...

In 2017, we brought cases against more violent criminals than in any year in decades. We charged the most federal firearm prosecutions in a decade. We convicted nearly 500 human traffickers and 1,200 gang members, and helped our international allies arrest about 4,000 MS-13 members. We also arrested and charged hundreds of people suspected with contributing to the ongoing opioid crisis.

Morale is up among our law enforcement community. Any loss of life is one too many, but it is encouraging that the number of officers killed in the line of duty declined for the first time since 2013, reaching its second lowest level in more than half a century. And we are empowering and supporting our critically important state, local and tribal law enforcement partners as we work together to protect communities from crime.

...

This first year of the Trump era shows once again that the difficult work we do alongside our state, local and tribal law enforcement partners makes a difference. Crime rates are not like the tides — we can help change them. And under Trump's strong leadership, we will.

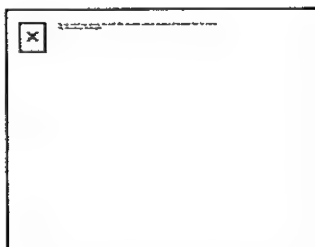
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**From:** President Barack Obama <info@mail.whitehouse.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 19, 2017 8:22 AM  
**To:** Moan, Christina  
**Subject:** Thank you



My fellow Americans,

It's a long-standing tradition for the sitting president of the United States to leave a parting letter in the Oval Office for the American elected to take his or her place. It's a letter meant to share what we know, what we've learned, and what small wisdom may help our successor bear the great responsibility that comes with the highest office in our land, and the leadership of the free world.

But before I leave my note for our 45th president, I wanted to say one final thank you for the honor of serving as your 44th. Because all that I've learned in my time in office, I've learned from you. You made me a better President, and you made me a better man.

Throughout these eight years, you have been the source of goodness, resilience, and hope from which I've pulled strength. I've seen neighbors and communities take care of each other during the worst economic crisis of our lifetimes. I have mourned with grieving families searching for answers -- and found grace in a Charleston church.

I've taken heart from the hope of young graduates and our newest military officers. I've seen our scientists help a paralyzed man regain his sense of touch, and wounded warriors once given up for dead walk again. I've seen Americans whose lives have been saved because they finally have access to medical care, and families whose lives have been changed because their marriages are recognized as equal to our own. I've seen the youngest of children remind us through their actions and through their generosity of our obligations to care for refugees, or work for peace, and, above all, to look out for each other.

I've seen you, the American people, in all your decency, determination, good humor, and kindness. And in your daily acts of citizenship, I've seen our future unfolding.

All of us, regardless of party, should throw ourselves into that work -- the joyous work of citizenship. Not just when there's an election, not just when our own narrow interest is at stake, but over the full span of a lifetime.

I'll be right there with you every step of the way.

And when the arc of progress seems slow, remember: America is not the project of any one person. The single most powerful word in our democracy is the word 'We.' 'We the People.' 'We shall overcome.'

Yes, we can.

President Barack Obama

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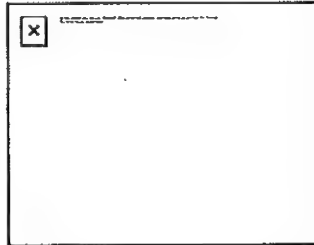
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**To:** Moan, Christina  
**Subject:** My farewell address



In 1796, as George Washington set the precedent for a peaceful, democratic transfer of power, he also set a precedent by penning a farewell address to the American people. And over the 220 years since, many American presidents have followed his lead.

**On Tuesday, January 10, I'll go home to Chicago to say my grateful farewell to you, even if you can't be there in person.**

I'm just beginning to write my remarks. But I'm thinking about them as a chance to say thank you for this amazing journey, to celebrate the ways you've changed this country for the better these past eight years, and to offer some thoughts on where we all go from here.

Since 2009, we've faced our fair share of challenges, and come through them stronger. That's because we have never let go of a belief that has guided us ever since our founding -- our conviction that, together, we can change this country for the better.

**So I hope you'll join me one last time.**

Because, for me, it's always been about you.

President Barack Obama

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 09, 2018 10:50 AM  
**To:** Sadler, Kelly J. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** Deregulation Spring Agenda  
**Attachments:** spring agenda press backgrounder.pdf

All,

Thank you for joining today's backgrounder on our Deregulation Spring Agenda. Attached is the press backgrounder that OMB is sharing. Below is an article written by Administrator Rao which is now LIVE on WH.gov.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/articles/advancing-responsible-regulatory-reform-deregulatory-agenda/>

If I can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Best,  
Kelly

## Lumpp, Rachelle

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**From:** Sciarrotta, Joseph  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 15, 2019 5:40 PM  
**To:** 'Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO'; Bailey, Michael; Lumpp, Rachelle  
**Cc:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** RE: 21 AGs Support Barr

Douglas: Ryan will be calling you in a couple of minutes.

Regards,

Joe

Joseph Sciarrotta, Jr.  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 15, 2019 5:37 PM  
**To:** Bailey, Michael; Lumpp, Rachelle; Sciarrotta, Joseph  
**Cc:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** RE: 21 AGs Support Barr

Hi Team Arizona – I got a call back from Ryan? Anderson from your team but must have wrote the number down wrong – can you share good number from him. I must have written the number down incorrectly.

-Doug

**From:** Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO  
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**Cc:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <[William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov](mailto:William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov)>  
**Subject:** 21 AGs Support Barr

Hi Michael, Rachelle and Joseph,

Wanted to see if I could steal a few minutes of your time to discuss attached? My cell is 202-881-8950.

Sincerely,

Doug Hoelscher  
Deputy Assistant to the President &  
Director, White House Intergovernmental Affairs

**Lumpp, Rachelle**

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**From:** Sciarrotta, Joseph  
**Sent:** Monday, January 14, 2019 12:37 PM  
**To:** 'Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO'  
**Subject:** RE: INVITATION (1/11): Border Security & Safe Communities Roundtable

Thanks William. I have made an inquiry and will let you know.

Joe

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**Sent:** Monday, January 14, 2019 12:33 PM  
**To:** Sciarrotta, Joseph  
**Subject:** RE: INVITATION (1/11): Border Security & Safe Communities Roundtable

Thank you Joe. Michael Bailey had mentioned the office was working on a letter re border security, do you have an update on that? Great meeting you.

**From:** Sciarrotta, Joseph <Joseph.Sciarrotta@azag.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 11, 2019 5:32 PM  
**To:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: INVITATION (1/11): Border Security & Safe Communities Roundtable

William: Excellent meeting today. Important information was shared. Appreciate the opportunity. AZ AGO stands ready to assist your office. Just let us know.

Best,

Joe

On Jan 10, 2019, at 8:17 PM, Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov> wrote:

**Arrival Instructions for the Roundtable**

- **Date:** Friday, January 11
- **Time:** Please plan to arrive at the White House Complex by 1:45 p.m. The roundtable will begin at 2:30 p.m. and is expected to last 45 minutes.

- **Location:** Please enter at 17<sup>th</sup> Street and State Place (on the Southwest side of the White House complex)
- **Arrival Logistics:** You will present your ID to Secret Service and go through security which is similar to what you see at the airport. Someone from our team will greet and escort you to the meeting.
- **POC:** William Crozer (202-456-8491) or Katie Lagomarsino (202-881-9205)

**From:** Sciarrotta, Joseph <[Joseph.Sciarrotta@azag.gov](mailto:Joseph.Sciarrotta@azag.gov)>

**Sent:** Thursday, January 10, 2019 7:52 PM

**To:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <[William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov](mailto:William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: INVITATION (1/11): Border Security & Safe Communities Roundtable

No worries. Thanks very much.

Regards,

Joe

On Jan 10, 2019, at 6:51 PM, Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <[William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov](mailto:William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov)> wrote:

Joe. Will send. My apologies. You're all set.

On Jan 10, 2019, at 7:48 PM, Sciarrotta, Joseph <[Joseph.Sciarrotta@azag.gov](mailto:Joseph.Sciarrotta@azag.gov)> wrote:

William: In Dallas making the connection to DC. I have not received any follow up email from my Registration and was just checking in for the Friday afternoon meeting. I assume any background check takes time in the normal course.

Regards,

Joe

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Thanks William. I completed the registration form which I assume is the security information you reference. If not, please let me know. As an FYI, I am Governor Jan Brewer's former General Counsel so Border Security & Safe Communities are very familiar issues for me. Looking forward to the event.

Best,  
Joe

Joseph Sciarrotta, Jr.



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"It's easy to lose sight of that in the blizzard of our minute-to-minute Washington news cycles. But America is a story told not minute to minute, but generation to generation -- a story written by parents, and teachers, and veterans, and neighbors who've taken on the call of citizenship, working together, without fanfare, to form a more perfect union.

"Over the course of my life, I've been reminded time and again that change can happen -- that ordinary people can come together to achieve extraordinary things. And I've seen that truth up close over these last eight years.

"We've made America a better, stronger place for the generations that will follow. We've run our leg in a long relay of progress, knowing that our work will always be unfinished. And we've reaffirmed the belief that we can make a difference with our own hands, in our own time. That's the imperative of citizenship -- the idea that, with hard work, and a generous heart toward our fellow Americans, people who love their country can change it.

"So tonight, I'm returning to where it all began to offer my most grateful farewell to the American people. I hope you'll join me -- I want to thank you for everything you've done."

### 3. Share a moment that made you say #YesWeCan.

 Close

#### Watch on YouTube

Rescuing the economy from the brink of depression. Passing a law that provided health care to millions. Watching as marriage equality became the law of the land. Driven by the belief that those who love this country can change it, we've made incredible progress together.

Across the country and around the world, people are reflecting on a moment from the past eight years that inspired them to share in

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**Join them: Share a moment or memory that sticks in your mind as a reminder that progress is possible using the hashtag #YesWeCan on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.**

**Or share it right here at [wh.gov/farewell](http://wh.gov/farewell).**

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**To:** Moan, Christina  
**Subject:** What #YesWeCan means to you:



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**"Yes, we can."**

**President Obama spoke these three words for the first time in January 2008 in New Hampshire. And for the past eight years, these words have served as the backbone of his Presidency: the belief that, through hard work and a commitment to hope, we can make progress possible for the American people.**

**As we look back at the last eight years, people from across the country (and the globe) are taking some time to reflect on a moment that inspired them to share in this belief, and even to take action in their own communities.**

**Do you have a memory or moment in mind? Check out the video or read through some of our favorite entries below to get inspired -- then share your #YesWeCan moment at [wh.gov/farewell](http://wh.gov/farewell).**

**And don't forget to tune in to hear the President's grateful farewell to you on Tuesday, January 10.**

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**Here's a small sample of what you've shared with us so far:**

**“Shortly after President Obama was elected, I was traveling near the airport in Columbus, Ohio. Air Force One was there because the President was in the city, and at the gate was an African American father holding his young son on his shoulders. I heard him say, 'That's the President's jet, and one day, you can do just what President Obama has done. One day, you can be president!' It brought me to tears. Your time, your spirit, your work, your grace...will forever permeate this country, no matter which political party is in the White House. Thank you.”**

**—Rev. Susan from Ohio**

**"My son, and now I, both have health care only because you had the vision and the strength to push it through. Iran doesn't have nuclear weapons because you had the strength to push through an agreement. You overcame immense odds, bigotry both here and abroad, yet you prevailed."**

**—Mary from Virginia**

**"Your stand on climate change inspired me to champion this position in the Forest Service and in my research, writings, and on-the-ground projects. Climate change is one of the most important challenges for the world and your support has been extremely important."**

**—Randy from Arizona**

**“The greatest moment of your eight years in office for me was the night that the Supreme Court affirmed all Americans' right to marry the person they love. My partner and I, who are not yet married but will do so soon, came to the White House to see the rainbow lights projected onto the facade of the President's House...Your advocacy and leadership on diversity and inclusiveness, respect for all people regardless of their innate characteristics, and you and Mrs. Obama directing that the White House be lighted thusly on that great day in LGBT history was overwhelming to us both.”**

—Skip from DC

**"My parents are both undocumented immigrants from south of the border who traveled to California where they raised me and I am deeply grateful for them. They came here to give me a better life than what they experienced. What you did these past eight years did give families like mine the opportunity to strive for the American dream. You taught me that change can come if we work hard to make it happen and not by waiting for anybody else to do it for me."**

—Marco from California

**"After the horrific massacre of the Emanuel 9 in Charleston, I was fortunate enough to be able to be present at the memorial service in Charleston where President Obama delivered the eulogy. At the time we most needed to hear a message of unity and hope, our President delivered one of the most powerful and moving speeches I have ever heard. I will never forget those moments of hope and grace delivered in one of our darkest hours in our state. Thank you so very much."**

—Lea from South Carolina

**"I'm writing from Japan. Mr Obama's visit to Hiroshima was my most impressive thing last year. I was translating into English the home page of a precision screw maker in Hiroshima early last year. In the history section, the following line appeared, '6 August 1945 Our factories were annihilated by the atomic bomb.'**

**"I was born right after the war and I vaguely remember as a small child that war debris was strewn in vacant lots, we were poorly dressed and food was not sufficient. I thought of the people who rose from the ashes to rebuild Japan. Sometime after I finished my translation, Mr. Obama came to Hiroshima. We have come a long way. A way to a better world. Thank you."**

—Ichiro from Japan

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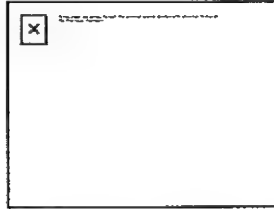
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**Subject:** Chicago, one last time



Over the past eight years, I've been proud to stand by President Obama's side through every step of this journey.

**And tonight, I'll be proud to stand by him one last time in Chicago with the First Lady and with Jill as he makes his farewell address to the nation.**

Heading back to Chicago, I can't help thinking about that night when the four of us were together in Grant Park. November 4, 2008.

We'd received the call conceding the race from our friend and patriot, John McCain. Barack had just finished addressing the nation for the first time as President-elect. The park was just filled with hundreds of thousands of people from all around the city and the country, of every age and background. And then, after Barack's speech, our families joined us on stage -- two families from different parts of the country, from different walks of life, but with the same values, that had grown so close over the past several months and have stayed so close over the last eight years.

And I saw my mother, Catherine Eugenia Finnegan Biden, who was 91 years old at the time, walking over to us. She really liked Barack. Always had.

And my mom reached out, grabbed Barack's hand, and said, "It's going to be okay, honey, come with me." And holding both of our hands, she walks us up to the front of the stage. Barack and I look at each other. Here we go.



*November 4, 2008, Grant Park, Chicago*

Together, we took that first step in our journey that has continued until today -- a journey to restore our economy, rebuild the middle class, and treat everyone with

dignity.

It was a feeling I'll never forget -- standing out on that stage together for the first time since the overwhelming majority of the American people placed their trust in us. I remember how the tough days on the campaign trail were nothing compared to the tough days millions of families were going through as the economy was crashing and they were losing their jobs, their homes, and their savings. I remember seeing the hope in their eyes, and being reminded that there is no quit in America.

And even though we'd go to bed exhausted every night, we'd wake up in the morning inspired by the millions of people who volunteered, organized, voted, and put every ounce of heart and hustle into something bigger than themselves. It was electric -- something that this country had never seen before. At its core, it was truly a campaign about our conviction that ordinary people can do extraordinary things. That's the history of the journey of our country.

Being asked to be part of this journey was a great honor. Barack and I and our families have formed a real and lasting bond over this incredible experience. During long hours in the Oval Office and Situation Room, during private lunches and quiet moments, I've seen Barack lead this country from economic crisis to recovery to resurgence. I've seen him lead the world not just by the example of our power, but by the power of our example.

I've seen a president who never forgot the core that makes us who we are as Americans -- tough, resilient, but always full of hope and optimism. Just give people a fair chance and they will do extraordinary things.

Eight years later, I hope you'll join me in Chicago as the President speaks about all we've accomplished on our journey as a country over the last eight years and the work that's still ahead.

**Tune in at 9pm ET to stand with President Obama, the First Lady, Jill, and me in Chicago one last time.**

Joe

Vice President Joe Biden



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**Cc:** Slayton, Stuart  
**Subject:** Remarks to Regulators

Dear Mr. Calabria:

Thank you for your remarks to state and international regulators on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. I sat at your table and remember you mentioning specific statistics demonstrating the disparity in the economic recovery between the coasts and the heartland. I believe the statistics included no real income growth, except in a very limited number of zip codes.

Could someone on your team direct us to the data or report demonstrating this disparity? This is an important point for us to make in promoting regulatory reform, including our state FinTech Sandbox.

Thank you very much for your time.

Best regards,

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**Subject:** Arizona FinTech Sandbox  
**Attachments:** ArizonaSandboxLetter.pdf

Dear Joseph, George and Annie,

Attorney General Brnovich last week sent a letter (attached) to federal financial agencies requesting regulatory exemptions for entities operating within Arizona's FinTech Sandbox, the first Sandbox in the country. Many have noted, including the Financial Times this weekend, that U.S. regulators lag in facilitating FinTech, which reduces our country's economic competitiveness. <https://www.ft.com/content/64e22402-3e38-11e8-bcc8-cebcb81f1f90>. Federal regulatory exemptions would help the United States catch up with foreign jurisdictions.

Furthermore, encouraging state sandboxes would create new centers of venture capital investment. As the letter notes, 77% of venture capital investment in 2016 was concentrated in only three states--New York, California and Massachusetts. These exemptions would facilitate the administration's goal of distributing economic growth throughout the country.

I would appreciate the opportunity to have additional conversations on this topic with you or any interested person in the administration. Thank you for your time.

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**Re: Regulatory Exemptions for Fintech Startups in State Regulatory Sandboxes**

Dear Secretary Mnuchin, Director Mulvaney, Chairman Clayton, Commissioner Stein, Commissioner Piwowar, Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Peirce, Chairman Ohlhausen, Commissioner McSweeney, Chairman Giancarlo, Commissioner Quintenz, and Commissioner Behnam:

I write to request that each of your agencies consider exempting from your respective regulations any financial technology ("Fintech") products or services being tested in a state regulatory sandbox. Recently, the Government Accountability Office touted Fintech's benefits: greater convenience, lower cost, increased financial inclusion, faster services, and improved security.<sup>1</sup> Having recognized these benefits, at least fifteen other countries have created or

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<sup>1</sup> Government Accountability Office, *Financial Technology: Additional Steps by Regulators Could Better Protect Consumers and Aid Regulatory Oversight*, GAO-18-254 (Washington, D.C.: Mar. 2018), at 13-14, available at <https://www.gao.gov/assets/700/690803.pdf>.

proposed a regulatory sandbox that allows cultivation of innovative products and services via live, controlled testing.<sup>2</sup> The United States is far behind in these efforts. However, on March 22, 2018, Arizona enacted a law creating the nation's first regulatory sandbox.<sup>3</sup>

As Arizona's chief law enforcement officer, one of my paramount duties is protecting consumers from deceptive and unfair acts and practices. My office vigilantly exercises this duty while acknowledging that a dynamic market can greatly benefit consumers. Indeed, Fintech is one such area that can make financial services more accessible, affordable, and efficient for consumers, especially those in underserved areas.<sup>4</sup>

### **I. Regulatory Sandboxes Can Contribute To Economic Growth**

Governments abroad have recognized that existing regulatory regimes stifle Fintech and recently have adopted a regulatory framework—the regulatory sandbox—to facilitate Fintech growth and innovation. Regulatory sandboxes allow startups and established businesses alike to offer their new, innovative products to consumers on a limited scale with lower regulatory barriers to entry. As a result, these regulatory sandboxes foster innovation and investment in innovative ideas by allowing Fintech startups to operate in a risk-appropriate and cost-effective environment.

Initial results of innovations tested in regulatory sandboxes show the success of these programs. For instance, the U.K.'s Financial Conduct Authority, which began accepting ideas for testing in 2016, recently announced that the majority of sandbox-tested products thus far “have developed as planned towards meeting their objectives.”<sup>5</sup> Further, 90 percent of the firms that participated in the first testing group are “continuing toward a wider market launch.”<sup>6</sup> Deloitte concluded that the U.K.'s implementation of its regulatory sandbox coincided with an increase in investments in U.K. Fintech firms—from \$140 million in the first quarter of 2016 to \$375 million in the first quarter of 2017.<sup>7</sup>

In the United Arab Emirates, the Abu Dhabi Global Market (“ADGM”) administers a regulatory sandbox called the “RegLab.”<sup>8</sup> As noted by RegLab's Chief Executive Officer, “[t]he overwhelmingly positive response we've had from the global Fintech industry in the first year of the RegLab programme is extremely encouraging. We are already seeing some great results from

<sup>2</sup> Vaibhav Anand and Sanjeev Shah, *Regulatory Sandbox: Making India a Global Fintech Hub*, Deloitte, 2017, at 22-23, available at <https://www2.deloitte.com/content/dam/Deloitte/in/Documents/technology-media-telecommunications/in-tmt-fintech-regulatory-sandbox-web.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> Aaron Stanley, *Arizona Becomes First U.S. State to Launch Regulatory Sandbox for Fintech*, (Mar. 23, 2018), available at <https://www.forbes.com/sites/astanley/2018/03/23/arizona-becomes-first-u-s-state-to-launch-regulatory-sandbox-for-fintech/#269d2c751372>

<sup>4</sup> See Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, *CFPB Releases First-Ever Project Catalyst Innovation Highlights Report*, 2016, available at <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/about-us/newsroom/cfpb-releases-first-ever-project-catalyst-innovation-highlights-report/>

<sup>5</sup> *Financial Conduct Authority Provides Update on Regulatory Sandbox*, 2017, <https://www.fca.org.uk/news/press-releases/financial-conduct-authority-provides-update-regulatory-sandbox>

<sup>6</sup> Financial Conduct Authority, *Regulatory Sandbox Lessons Learned Report*, Oct. 2017, at 6, available at <https://www.fca.org.uk/publication/research-and-data/regulatory-sandbox-lessons-learned-report.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> See *supra* Footnote 2 at 17.

<sup>8</sup> Abu Dhabi Global Market, *ADGM Launches Its Fintech Reglab*, Nov. 2, 2016, available at <https://www.adgm.com/mediacentre/press-releases/adgm-launches-its-fintech-reglab/>

the first cohort, and are looking forward to seeing results from the second[.]”<sup>9</sup> The first group of Fintech businesses admitted into the RegLab included a company from the United States.<sup>10</sup>

## **II. Enabling State-Run Fintech Regulatory Sandboxes Is Consistent With the President’s Regulatory Agenda**

Exempting Fintech products and services in state-run regulatory sandboxes would be consistent with the President’s policy articulated by Executive Order 13772, which directed the Secretary of the Treasury to regulate financial markets consistent with seven core principles, including empowering Americans to make informed financial decisions and making regulation “efficient, effective, and appropriately tailored.”<sup>11</sup>

In advancing these principles, the Department of the Treasury subsequently issued several recommendations “[to promote] access to capital for all types of companies, including small and growing businesses, through reduction of regulatory burden and improved market access to investment opportunities[.]”<sup>12</sup> The Department further recognized that “[i]mproperly tailored regulatory burden can benefit the largest companies, which are better positioned to absorb the costs, and discourage competition from new entrants.”<sup>13</sup> And it recommended restoring exemptive authority to regulatory agencies, which would, as was suggested to the Department by market participants, “allow the agencies to evolve with the marketplace and properly tailor their oversight.”<sup>14</sup>

Likewise, Director Mulvaney has noted how “[m]uch can be done to facilitate greater consumer choice and efficient markets, while vigorously enforcing consumer financial law in a way that guarantees due process.”<sup>15</sup> Indeed, the CFPB has issued many requests for information on its practices and how it can improve.<sup>16</sup>

Chairman Clayton also has laid out his guiding principles for the Securities and Exchange Commission and has notably stated, “[a]s markets evolve, so must the SEC . . . The SEC must

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<sup>9</sup> Abu Dhabi Global Market, *Abu Dhabi Global Market Admits 2nd RegLab Cohort with 11 More Local & Global Fintech Firms*, Oct. 2017, available at <http://fintech.adgm.com/abu-dhabi-global-market-admits-2nd-reglab-cohort-with-11-more-local-global-fintech-firms/>

<sup>10</sup> Abu Dhabi Global Market, *ADGM Admits First 5 Regional & Intl Reglab Applicants*, available at <http://fintech.adgm.com/adgm-admits-first-5-regional-international-reglab-applicants/>

<sup>11</sup> White House Press Release, *Presidential Executive Order on Core Principles for Regulating the United States Financial System*, 2017, available at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/presidential-executive-order-core-principles-regulating-united-states-financial-system/>

<sup>12</sup> U.S. Dept. of the Treasury, *A Financial System that Creates Economic Opportunities*, 2017, at 6, available at <https://www.treasury.gov/press-center/press-releases/Documents/A-Financial-System-Capital-Markets-FINAL-FINAL.pdf>.

<sup>13</sup> *Id.* at 7.

<sup>14</sup> *Id.* at 179-80.

<sup>15</sup> Consumer Finance Protection Bureau, *Acting Director Mulvaney Announces Call for Evidence Regarding Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Functions*, (Jan. 17, 2018) available at <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/about-us/newsroom/acting-director-mulvaney-announces-call-evidence-regarding-consumer-financial-protection-bureau-functions/>

<sup>16</sup> See, e.g., Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, *CFPB Issues Request For Information On Consumer Complaint Reporting*, Mar. 1, 2018, available at <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/about-us/newsroom/cfpb-issues-request-information-consumer-complaint-reporting/>

recognize [technology is constantly disrupting the market] and strive to ensure that our rules and operations reflect the realities of our capital markets.”<sup>17</sup>

And Chairman Ohlhausen has echoed this sentiment as well in stating, “I share the President’s desire to eliminate unnecessary and burdensome regulatory requirements that hurt our economy. As a result, at the FTC I have sought to maintain a culture of continuous improvement consistent with President Trump’s call for efficient and effective government. Private firms face constant market pressure to innovate and improve, and I see no reason why government should operate any differently.”<sup>18</sup>

Finally, Chairman Giancarlo has articulated a belief “that the CFTC and its fellow U.S. market regulators must affirmatively embrace innovation. That means that its rules must ‘first, do no harm’ to blockchain and other promising FinTech innovations using the same forward-thinking approach American regulators took two decades ago in the early days of the Internet.”<sup>19</sup>

Given the success of regulatory sandboxes abroad, states are poised to implement regulatory sandboxes of their own. And as shown below, federal agencies have authority to directly apply these principles and recommendations to innovative Fintech products and services that will be tested in state-run regulatory sandboxes. Considering three states—California, New York, and Massachusetts—accounted for 77% of venture capital investment in the United States in 2016, regulatory sandboxes will encourage more evenly distributed economic investment across states for companies of all sizes.<sup>20</sup> However, state regulatory sandboxes can only do so much. States cannot exempt Fintech startups from federal regulations, and these regulations may impede any state’s attempt to fully realize the potential of a regulatory sandbox.

### **III. Each Agency Possesses Authority to Issue Exemptions To Regulations**

Federal agencies with oversight authority affecting Fintech products and services should exempt such products and services from federal regulations during testing in a state regulatory sandbox. In addition to whatever statutory authority an agency may possess to issue regulatory exemptions, the courts have recognized that federal agencies may issue exemptions, regardless whether the enabling statute grants such authority. In *United States v. Allegheny-Ludlum Steel Corp.*, the Supreme Court concluded that “[i]t is well established that an agency’s authority to proceed . . . by means of rules of general application entails a concomitant authority to provide exemption procedures in order to allow for special circumstances.”<sup>21</sup> Additionally, courts have subsequently delineated several different circumstances and their relevant standards of

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<sup>17</sup> Chairman Jay Clayton, *Remarks at the Economic Club of New York*, New York, N.Y. (July 12, 2017) available at <https://www.sec.gov/news/speech/remarks-economic-club-new-york>

<sup>18</sup> Chairman Maureen K. Ohlhausen, *The FTC at 100 [Days]*, Washington, D.C. (May 3, 2017) available at [https://www.ftc.gov/system/files/documents/public\\_statements/1213893/ohlhausen\\_-\\_ftc\\_at\\_100\\_days\\_5-3-17.pdf](https://www.ftc.gov/system/files/documents/public_statements/1213893/ohlhausen_-_ftc_at_100_days_5-3-17.pdf)

<sup>19</sup> Chairman Christopher Giancarlo, *21st Century Markets Need 21st Century Regulation*, Washington, D.C. (Sep. 21, 2016) available at <https://www.cftc.gov/PressRoom/SpeechesTestimony/opagiancarlo-17>

<sup>20</sup> Robert Ksiakiewicz, *Useful Stats: Share of U.S. Venture Capital Activity and Per Capita Investment by State, 2010-2016, 2017*, available at <https://ssti.org/blog/useful-stats-share-us-venture-capital-activity-and-capita-investment-state-2010-2016>; see also PricewaterhouseCoopers, *MoneyTree Regional Aggregate Data*, available at [https://www.pwc.com/us/en/moneytree-report/assets/RegionalAggrData\\_Q4\\_2017\\_Final.xlsx](https://www.pwc.com/us/en/moneytree-report/assets/RegionalAggrData_Q4_2017_Final.xlsx)

<sup>21</sup> 406 U.S. 742, 755 (1972). See also *In re Permian Basin Area Rate Cases*, 390 U.S. 747, 784-86 (1968).

scrutiny.<sup>22</sup> Exemptions based on special circumstances are recognized as a means of enhancing the effective operation of the regulatory scheme.<sup>23</sup>

In addition to the aforementioned general authority to issue exemptions to an agency's own rules, many agencies are granted specific exemption authority within their respective enabling statutes.

- *Consumer Financial Protection Bureau ("CFPB")*

The CFPB has authority to exempt Fintech products pursuant to its express statutory authority. Under 12 U.S.C. § 5512(b)(3)(A), the CFPB may "exempt any class of covered persons, service providers, or consumer financial products or services, from any provision of this title, or from any rule issued under this title, as the Bureau determines necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes and objectives of this title[.]"

- *Department of Treasury*

The Secretary of the Treasury, as relevant to Fintech, has authority to exempt entities from complying with federal regulations regarding money transmissions monitored by the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network. The Secretary of the Treasury "may by written order or authorization make exceptions to or grant exemptions from the requirements of [31 C.F.R. Chapter X]"<sup>24</sup> These exemptions may apply to "classes of persons" or "classes of transactions."<sup>25</sup>

- *Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC")*

The SEC has general exemptive authority under the Securities Acts of 1933 and 1934. The Securities Act of 1933 states, "[t]he Commission, by rule or regulation, may conditionally or unconditionally exempt . . . any class or classes of persons, securities, or transactions, from any provision or provisions of this subchapter or of any rule or regulation issued under this subchapter, to the extent that such exemption is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, and is consistent with the protection of investors."<sup>26</sup> The Securities Act of 1934 contains a similar provision with certain limitations based on the Wall Street Transparency and Accountability Act of 2010.<sup>27</sup>

Under the Investment Company Act of 1940, the SEC generally may issue exemptions "to the extent that such exemption is necessary or appropriate in the public interest . . ."<sup>28</sup> Additionally, the SEC has general exemptive authority over all of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 "to the extent that such exemption is necessary or appropriate in the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors and the purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of this subchapter."<sup>29</sup>

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<sup>22</sup> See, e.g., *Alabama Power Co. v. Costle*, 636 F.2d 323, 357-58 (D.C. Cir. 1979).

<sup>23</sup> See *id.*

<sup>24</sup> 31 C.F.R. § 1010.970(a).

<sup>25</sup> *Id.*

<sup>26</sup> 15 U.S.C. § 77z-3.

<sup>27</sup> 15 U.S.C. § 78mm.

<sup>28</sup> 15 U.S.C. § 80a-6(c).

<sup>29</sup> 15 U.S.C. § 80b-6a.

- *Federal Trade Commission ("FTC")*

The FTC has statutory authority to issue exemptions to rules defining unfair and deceptive trade practices:

If, on its own motion or on the basis of a petition . . . the Commission finds that the application of a rule [defining unfair or deceptive acts] . . . to any person or class . . . is not necessary to prevent the unfair or deceptive act or practice to which the rule relates, the Commission may exempt such person or class from all or part of such rule.<sup>30</sup>

- *Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC")*

The CFTC has authority to exempt classes of agreements, contracts, and transactions "[i]n order to promote responsible economic or financial innovation" as well as transactions related to excessive speculation in commodities trading.<sup>31</sup>

#### IV. Conclusion

Regulatory sandboxes are proving to be a viable option to relieve businesses, large and small, from regulatory burdens, a key goal for the White House.<sup>32</sup> Lifting federal regulations while products and services are being tested in state-run regulatory sandboxes would promote innovation by reducing the time and costs needed to begin testing an idea. Moreover, exempting these products would not materially affect the level of protections afforded to consumers. As Arizona has done with its newly-created regulatory sandbox, products or services tested in a state-run sandbox will be subject to state regulation, and state regulators can provide themselves enhanced tools to combat fraud.<sup>33</sup> Furthermore, states are naturally situated to conduct tests in a limited, controlled environment that may be challenging to create at the federal level. Consistent with the President's agenda and subsequent directives, federal agencies can and should contribute to the success of these regulatory sandboxes and promote innovation in the Fintech marketplace that ultimately will benefit consumers nationwide. I look forward to working with your agencies on this issue.

Sincerely,



Mark Brnovich  
Arizona Attorney General

<sup>30</sup> 15 U.S.C. § 57a(g)(2).

<sup>31</sup> 7 U.S.C §§ 6(c)(1), 6a(a)(7).

<sup>32</sup> See President Donald J. Trump, *President Donald J. Trump Is Delivering on Deregulation*, Dec. 2017, available at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/president-donald-j-trump-delivering-deregulation/>

<sup>33</sup> H.B. 2434, Arizona House of Representatives, Fifty-third Legislature, Second Regular Session, 4:23-7:6 (2018) available at <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/GetDocumentPdf/460996>

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**Subject:** Financial Regulatory Reform

Mike,

I'd be glad to speak to you or your colleagues on opening up opportunities for states to reform their financial regulations.

Best regards,

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Hi Annie,

One of our attorneys recently appeared on a panel at an EEOC Annual Conference hosted recently by the EEOC in Phoenix. I'd be interested in speaking to you or someone in your office about what criteria the EEOC uses to describe the state of employment law to HR personnel who attend their conferences.

My office number is below or you can reach me on my work cell phone at any time at 602-350-2559.

Thank you for your time,

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Office of the Press Secretary

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October 31, 2018

### **President Donald J. Trump Approves Montana Disaster Declaration**

Today, President Donald J. Trump declared that a major disaster exists in the State of Montana and ordered Federal assistance to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by flooding from May 1 to June 10, 2018.

Federal funding is available to State, tribal, and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by the flooding in the counties of Carbon, Custer, Golden Valley, Lewis and Clark, Missoula, Musselshell, Park, Powell, and Treasure.

Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures in all areas within the State.

Brock Long, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Homeland Security, named James R. Stephenson as the Federal Coordinating Officer for Federal recovery operations in the affected areas.

Additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the State and warranted by the results of further damage assessments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION MEDIA SHOULD CONTACT: FEMA NEWS DESK AT

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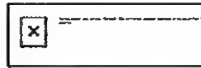
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**Subject:** Press Gaggle by Press Secretary Sarah Sanders Aboard Air Force One | En Route Washington, D.C.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 30, 2018

PRESS GAGGLE  
BY PRESS SECRETARY SARAH SANDERS

Aboard Air Force One  
En Route Washington, D.C.

7:47 P.M. EDT

MS. SANDERS: It's on the record, but don't use the audio, and not on camera. It's not for broadcast. I'm -- just because my notes are a little rough here, I just wanted to get you guys something before we got in. I'll go through each stop.

So in the synagogue, the President met with Rabbi Myers. They light the Yahrzeit candles. Eleven -- one for each of the individuals. The rabbi walked through the history of the church, and walked the President and the First Lady through a lot of the detail of what happened on the day. He talked about the bravery -- the rabbi talked a lot about the bravery of the law enforcement.

The President was incredibly impressed by the rabbi -- absolutely incredible man. The President was very moved by the visit and the time with the rabbi. He called it "very humbling and very sad."

The second stop, he was at the hospital. In the first room that he came to, he met with the three members of the law enforcement who had been discharged, and a number of the members of the medical staff, the doctors, and nurses who treated the individuals as they came in -- the list that you guys have. And their families were there as well.

From there, he went to the ICU to one of the first responders who had been shot seven times. He was there with his family.

Q What's his name?

MS. SANDERS: I'll send you the name in just a second. I just have these notes.

The President was incredibly moved by the man in ICU, and also how supportive all of the law enforcement members were of one another.

From there, he moved on and spent about an hour with the widow of Dr. Richard Gottfried. I believe her name is Peg Gottfried, but I'll double check and make sure I have that correct, and send you the actual spellings on both of those names. She said that she wanted to meet the President to let him know that people wanted him there. And again, he spent about an hour talking with her.

And Congressman Rothfus -- Keith Rothfus -- was there with

him. Said he was -- the President was very impressed by the compassion that the congressman showed.

He said it was a great honor to be in Pittsburgh with the First Lady, to be with such incredible people who had shown such bravery.

Q Did they end up saying the prayer that you had mentioned before?

MS. SANDERS: I'll get the specifics on that. I know they did say a prayer while they were there.

Q So the only family member he met with was this widow of Dr. Gottfried?

MS. SANDERS: She was the one -- the only one there at the hospital.

Q At the top, you -- what were the candles called? I'm sorry.

MS. SANDERS: I'll send you the exact spelling. I was going to say --

Q Y-A-H-R-Z-E-I-T

Q Thank you.

MS. SANDERS: I wrote it out phonetically. And again, I'll send you the spelling of the names.

Q The stones are from the White House, you said earlier? Where are they from in the White House or --

MS. SANDERS: I know they were from one of the White House gardens.

Q And were the flowers also from the White House, or were they like from a florist? Do you know?

MS. SANDERS: They were from the White House.

Q So you'll get back to us with the --

MS. SANDERS: I'll send you the spellings of all the names.

Q -- the spellings, and what prayer they said at the (inaudible).

MS. SANDERS: Yeah.

Q And he described it as a "very humbling" --

MS. SANDERS: "Very sad and very moving."

Q Can you discuss a little bit the planning that went into this? We saw Jason Greenblatt and Avi Berkowitz are here, and they got here Sunday. What has been sort of the White House outreach over the last 72 -- what has been the White House outreach over the last 72 hours to the families?

MS. SANDERS: Primarily, it has been coordinated through the rabbi, and worked mostly through him to sort of determine the plan of the day.

Q Can you say why the President wanted to come on this particular day, given that he was asked to wait by some of the local officials and some of the --

MS. SANDERS: He was also asked to come by some. Look, the President wanted to show his respect on behalf of the entire country. And to represent the country in this moment. And be there to show our support.

Q At the vestibule where the President was, was there any evidence of the shooting or anything that the President saw --

MS. SANDERS: I'm not aware of that detail.

Q Did he have any response to being --

MS. SANDERS: I know that a lot of the FBI members that are here on site leading the investigation met them there, and he shook hands with those that were investigating as he went into the area.

Q Did he? Okay.

MS. SANDERS: If I have anything else, I'll let you guys know.

Q Sarah, was the President familiar with the biographies of all the people that were killed?

MS. SANDERS: I know he got an update on the individuals. I don't know how much depth, but I know the rabbi talked a lot about the individuals in the time that they spent together and walked through the events of the day in their time both in the vestibule and outside.

Q Did you get any sort of readout of the time that he spent with the widow? Was it mostly -- did they talk about the actual event? Did they talk about her husband?

MS. SANDERS: Beyond what I said, I don't have anything else at this point.

Q Is there a reason we haven't heard from the President directly today, in terms of delivering a message combating anti-Semitism or hate or any other acts of violence like this?

MS. SANDERS: Look, the President has been very clear on that and spoken on it a number of times. He wanted today to be about showing respect for the families and the friends of the victims, as well as for Jewish Americans.

All right. If I have anything else, I send you -- and I'll send you the details of the prayer and the names. Thanks.

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**From:** Anderson, Ryan  
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**Subject:** RE: Major announcement on deregulation coming today

Thanks Judd.

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**Sent:** Thursday, December 14, 2017 8:50 AM  
**To:** Anderson, Ryan  
**Subject:** FW: Major announcement on deregulation coming today

Flagging for you since I just discovered your boss signed that amicus brief I mentioned below.

**From:** Deere, Judd P. EOP/WHO  
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**To:** Deere, Judd P. EOP/WHO <Judson.P.Deere@who.eop.gov>  
**Subject:** Major announcement on deregulation coming today

Good morning!

A heads up on a Presidential announcement coming later today on the deregulation front that I'm sure your boss will want to highlight considering their leadership on this very important issue.

Within 10 days of taking office, President Trump issued Executive Order 13771, which directs agencies to reduce regulatory burdens by eliminating two existing regulations for each new one issued. Many attorneys general signed an amicus brief back in May in District Court for the District of Columbia supporting the administration's position. This brief was led by Attorneys General Brad Schimel and Patrick Morrisey.

The President will speak today at 2:30 p.m. ET and discuss that in only its first 10 months, the administration has far exceeded its promise to eliminate two existing regulations for each new one. The President will reveal in the speech the exact number of regulations cut and the savings.

As you all plan how you want to amplify this important victory today, you may want to review an article in the [Washington Examiner](#) this morning and the below op-ed from Neomi Rao, head of the Office of Regulatory Affairs.

## The Trump Regulatory Game Plan

Within 10 days of taking office, President Trump issued Executive Order 13771, which directs agencies to reduce regulatory burdens by eliminating two existing regulations for each new one issued. This announcement was met with a healthy dose of skepticism, as the steady expansion of the regulatory state traditionally has been a bipartisan affair. No longer.

This week, the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs released a status report on agencies' progress on regulations. In only its first 10 months, the Trump administration has far exceeded its promise to eliminate two existing regulations for each new one—an unprecedented advance against the regulatory state.

By comparison, in his final eight months, President Obama saddled the economy with as much as \$15.2 billion in regulatory costs, while hiding from the public a needlessly “secret” list of more than 600 regulations. Reversing this trend sends a clear message to families and businesses: It’s OK to plan for the future without the looming threat of red tape.

On Thursday OIRA will publish the administration’s first Regulatory Plan and Agenda, which covers all federal agencies for fiscal year 2018. The plan calls for the administration to drive already substantial reductions in regulatory costs even further. This is a fundamental shift from the policies of the past.

Some regulations legitimately address important health, safety and welfare priorities identified by Congress. The Trump administration respects the rule of law and will not roll back effective, legally required regulations. But in the previous administration, agencies frequently exceeded their legal authority when imposing costly rules. Some agencies announced important policy changes without following the formal rule-making process.

Agencies are now expected to regulate only when explicitly authorized by law—and to follow the proper procedures. The same standards now apply to regulatory and deregulatory actions. If the government exercises its regulatory power, it should do so with fair notice and due process, and only upon a conclusion that the regulation is necessary and that the benefits of the regulation justify its costs.

Regulatory reform not only promotes individual liberty and a flourishing economy, it also supports constitutional democracy. Through OIRA’s regulatory review process, we ensure that agencies stay within the legal authority given by Congress. When the law provides discretion, we work with agencies to ensure that regulatory policy reflects presidential priorities. This executive direction makes the rule-making process democratic and accountable.

The Trump administration remains confident in markets and the American people’s ability to make responsible choices. Our agenda for the coming year reflects that spirit and commits to a regulatory policy that actually works.

I will be in touch with more information following the speech. As always, please let me know how I can assist.

Thanks!

**Judd P. Deere**  
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**Lumpp, Rachelle**

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**From:** Bailey, Michael  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 13, 2019 10:55 AM  
**To:** 'Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO'  
**Subject:** RE: Five Nominations and One Withdrawal Sent to the Senate

Thanks William!

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 12, 2019 5:00 PM  
**To:** Bailey, Michael  
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Congrats

**From:** White House Press Office <[info@mail.whitehouse.gov](mailto:info@mail.whitehouse.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 12, 2019 6:36 PM  
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Office of the Press Secretary

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 12, 2019

NOMINATIONS SENT TO THE SENATE:

Michael G. Bailey, of Arizona, to be United States Attorney

for the District of Arizona for the term of four years, vice John S. Leonardo, resigned.

Rodney K. Brown, of California, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, for a term expiring October 13, 2024, vice Jeffery S. Hall, term expired.

Christopher Scolese, of New York, to be Director of the National Reconnaissance Office. (New Position)

Ian Paul Steff, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, vice Elizabeth Erin Walsh, resigned.

Drew H. Wrigley, of North Dakota, to be United States Attorney for the District of North Dakota for the term of four years, vice Timothy Q. Purdon, term expired.

WITHDRAWAL SENT TO THE SENATE:

Andrew F. Maunz, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2025, vice Mark A. Robbins, term expired, which was sent to the Senate on January 16, 2019.

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**To:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** RE: INVITATION (1/11): Border Security & Safe Communities Roundtable  
**Attachments:** image001.png

I'm out - but will try to get ryan or Joe to give you a call.

Michael G. Bailey  
Chief Deputy - Chief of Staff  
Arizona Attorney General's Office  
(602) 542-8080

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**From:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO [William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 15, 2019 3:20 PM  
**To:** Bailey, Michael  
**Subject:** RE: INVITATION (1/11): Border Security & Safe Communities Roundtable

Chance for a quick call?

**From:** Bailey, Michael <Michael.Bailey@azag.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 10, 2019 12:43 PM  
**To:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: INVITATION (1/11): Border Security & Safe Communities Roundtable

Sure – should be open for the next hour – call when convenient for you.

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To: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>  
Subject: RE: INVITATION (1/11): Border Security & Safe Communities Roundtable

I have a 15 -20 minute meeting in a minute, then am available.

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To: Bailey, Michael  
Subject: RE: INVITATION (1/11): Border Security & Safe Communities Roundtable

Do you have a minute for a quick call?

From: Bailey, Michael <Michael.Bailey@azag.gov>  
Sent: Wednesday, January 9, 2019 3:15 PM  
To: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>  
Cc: Sciarrotta, Joseph <Joseph.Sciarrotta@azag.gov>; Anderson, Ryan <Ryan.Anderson@azag.gov>  
Subject: RE: INVITATION (1/11): Border Security & Safe Communities Roundtable

William,

Joe Sciarrotta, our Chief Counsel for the Civil Litigation Division, will attend the meeting on behalf of AG Brnovich (and with the understanding that he'd be in the room, but not necessarily at the main table).

Joe is copied here – and I will leave it to you and Joe to work out what additional details are necessary.

Thanks!

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Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2019 4:48 PM  
To: Bailey, Michael  
Subject: RE: INVITATION (1/11): Border Security & Safe Communities Roundtable

Thank you for the note. We would be happy to include as a back bench in the room – we are reserving the main table for principals. Just let me know,

From: Bailey, Michael <Michael.Bailey@azag.gov>  
Sent: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 2:51 PM  
To: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>  
Subject: RE: INVITATION (1/11): Border Security & Safe Communities Roundtable

William,

I understand the invitation is non-transferable, but am wondering whether in specific considerations of the AG's present travel limitations, if we would be permitted to send a senior executive attorney in his place?

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Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2019 11:10 AM  
To: Bailey, Michael  
Subject: FW: INVITATION (1/11): Border Security & Safe Communities Roundtable

Mike – FYI. Extended to the Attorney General.

From: FN-WHO-State Government  
Sent: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 12:40 PM  
Subject: INVITATION (1/11): Border Security & Safe Communities Roundtable

[cid:image001.png@01D42FD0.05E56610]

White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

State and Local Officials,

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental, you are cordially invited to a White House roundtable discussion on border security and safe communities. The roundtable will bring together State, local, law enforcement, and community leaders at the White House to discuss the impact illegal immigration has on their communities including human trafficking, gang violence, and drug trafficking.

#### Event Information

What: White House Roundtable on Border Security & Safe Communities

When: Friday, January 11, 2:30PM EST (please arrive no later than 1:45PM EST)

Where: The White House (Washington, D.C.)

Register: Click Here<<https://events.whitehouse.gov/?rid=KCC3F6JMX>>

Information and/or participation in this event is embargoed until further guidance.

Sincerely,

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

#### Frequently Asked Questions

Why am I receiving this invitation? Who is inviting me? The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs serves as the primary liaison between the White House and state, county, local, and tribal governments. The office focuses on building and maintaining relationships with state and local officials. Part of this process includes welcoming the country's state and local leaders to the White House for events, such as this one. Should you have any questions about this event, please contact White House Intergovernmental Affairs.

What information do I need to submit in order to attend? The registration link will outline the information you are required to submit in order to register to attend. Please do not fill out this information if you cannot attend. The information you submit must exactly match that of your government issued identification that you will be required to present to Secret Service before entering White House grounds.

How do I know if I successfully registered? Once you click on the registration link, fill out all required information, and submit it, you will receive a confirmation message to the email address you provided. Please make sure to check your spam/junk email folder if you do not receive this confirmation.

What if the link does not work? If the registration link provided does not work or will not properly load, try using a different browser. If you are still unable to register, please contact White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs staff.

Can I bring a guest? No.

Is this invitation transferable? No, this invitation is non-transferable.

What items are permissible/non-permissible? You can bring a cell phone, wallet, purse, briefcase, etc. We cannot accommodate larger bags or luggage.

Is lodging and/or transportation provided? No, registered attendees are responsible for their own accommodations, meals, and transportation to Washington, D.C. and throughout the duration of their visit. Due to federal regulations, we are unable to provide you with recommendations for travel and accommodations. Bottled water will be provided during the conference portion of the event. Lunch is not provided.

Where do I go? All events will take place on the White House complex. We will provide further information ahead of the event date.

How do I get around Washington, D.C.? For travel and transportation in Washington, D.C., taxis and ride sharing services are readily available. The metro is also a convenient way to travel. The closest metro stops are Federal Triangle and Farragut West. More information on the metro, including travel times and maps, can be found by clicking [here](https://www.wmata.com/)`<file:///C:/Users/WFCrozer/Work%20Folders/Desktop/Events/Women%20Mayors/%3ehttps://%3e%3e%3e%3e%3e%3e%3c%3c%3c%3c%3c%3c>`.

**Lumpp, Rachelle**

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**From:** Brnovich, Mark  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 05, 2019 2:28 PM  
**To:** 'Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO'  
**Subject:** RE: WH IGA (Preview): President Donald J. Trump's State of the Union Address

"It shouldn't be easier for human traffickers and drug smugglers to pass our border, then it is to pass meaningful legislation. Let's get away from fixing blame and move forward with fixing our problems. I urge Congress to work with the President and create security and stability for everyone living here."

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**From:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO [<mailto:William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 05, 2019 1:36 PM  
**Subject:** WH IGA (Preview): President Donald J. Trump's State of the Union Address



## **White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs**

State and Local Leaders,

Tonight, at 9 p.m. ET, President Donald J. Trump will deliver his second State of the Union Address. Below, please find a preview of the President's Address. We ask that you please do not distribute.

We welcome your feedback and support. If you do make statements on social media or otherwise, please feel free to share with our office.

Thank you.

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## **PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP'S STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS | MESSAGING PREVIEW**

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### **TOPLINE TALKERS**

- The theme of the State of the Union is **CHOOSING GREATNESS**. In his address, the President will:
  - Cast an inspiring vision of American greatness;

- Outline a policy agenda that both parties can rally behind to achieve this vision;
- Express confidence in this hopeful future;
- And encourage Congress to reject the politics of resistance and retribution and instead adopt a spirit of cooperation and compromise.

### **SPEECH EXCERPT AS PREPARED FOR DELIVERY**

“Together, we can break decades of political stalemate. We can bridge old divisions, heal old wounds, build new coalitions, forge new solutions, and unlock the extraordinary promise of America’s future. The decision is ours to make.”

### **TOP ISSUES**

- **Safe and Legal Immigration System** – The President will reaffirm his determination to stop illegal immigration, human trafficking, and the flow of drugs and crime.
- **Protecting American Workers** – President Trump is fighting for the American workers who have been hurt by decades of flawed trade deals. The President will address key trade priorities, including our trading relationship with China and the need to pass the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement.
- **Rebuilding America** – The President will ask Congress to produce an infrastructure package that invests in vital national infrastructure projects.
- **Lowering the Cost of Healthcare and Prescription Drugs** – The President will call on Congress to support the Administration’s efforts to lower the costs of healthcare and prescription drugs.
- **Protecting America’s National Security** - The President will update Congress on diplomatic and military efforts around the world, and reaffirm his determination to protect American interests and end our endless foreign wars.

### **KEY MESSAGES SPEECH WILL COMMUNICATE**

- Extraordinary bipartisan achievements in this Congress are possible, as we have proved.
- President Trump is a problem solver and will offer common sense, bipartisan solutions.
- At a time when America’s economy is stronger than ever, he will propose policies to expand prosperity and make possible an amazing quality of life for all our citizens.
- Having restored America’s leadership around the world, he will cast a vision for greater security and peace.
- People will be reminded how much President Trump has accomplished for ALL Americans and will be reminded of the broad appeal of the President’s agenda.

### **DIGITAL ACCOUNTS/RESOURCES**

- Twitter: [@WhiteHouse](#); [@realDonaldTrump](#); [@LaCasaBlanca](#)
- Facebook: [Facebook.com/WhiteHouse](#)
- WH Website: [WhiteHouse.gov/SOTU](#) (for livestream, photos, excerpts, guest info) and [WhiteHouse.gov/News](#) (for factsheets)

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**From:** Calabria, Mark A. EOP/OVP <Mark.A.Calabria@ovp.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 11, 2018 1:22 PM  
**To:** Watkins, Paul  
**Subject:** RE: Remarks to Regulators  
**Attachments:** recoverygrowthreport.pdf

Paul, I'd start with the attached report, should give you most of what you are looking for.

Best,

Mark

**From:** Watkins, Paul <Paul.Watkins@azag.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 11, 2018 4:10 PM  
**To:** Calabria, Mark A. EOP/OVP <Mark.A.Calabria@ovp.eop.gov>  
**Cc:** Slayton, Stuart <Stuart.Slayton@azag.gov>  
**Subject:** Remarks to Regulators

Dear Mr. Calabria:

Thank you for your remarks to state and international regulators on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. I sat at your table and remember you mentioning specific statistics demonstrating the disparity in the economic recovery between the coasts and the heartland. I believe the statistics included no real income growth, except in a very limited number of zip codes.

Could someone on your team direct us to the data or report demonstrating this disparity? This is an important point for us to make in promoting regulatory reform, including our state FinTech Sandbox.

Thank you very much for your time.

Best regards,

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**From:** Draye, Dominic  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 04, 2018 10:10 AM  
**To:** Bailey, Michael; 'Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO'  
**Subject:** RE: Contact

Thanks, Mike.

I am available at any of the times discussed below. Please let me know which one works best for everyone else.  
Dominic

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**From:** Bailey, Michael  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 03, 2018 11:56 AM  
**To:** 'Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO'  
**Cc:** Draye, Dominic  
**Subject:** RE: Contact

Dom,

The White House is trying to set up a call to continue discussions on the capital sentencing matter. I just got off the phone with William Crozer, copied here. William is trying to coordinate the time with a number of different offices for the call (including Gov. Ducey's office and reps from other states).

He has proposed October 10 at 2, 2:30, or 3. Please reply to William and confirm whether all of those times would work for you.

Thanks.

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**From:** First Lady Michelle Obama <info@mail.whitehouse.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 09, 2017 9:48 AM  
**To:** Moan, Christina  
**Subject:** Tomorrow night in Chicago



Chicago is where I grew up. It's where I met my husband. It's where we started our family and where we began our journey to becoming your First Family, which has been the honor of our lifetimes.

And tomorrow, I'm going back to Chicago to watch Barack deliver his farewell address to you.

**I hope you'll join me, because as Barack has said, these eight years have always been about you -- and what we could accomplish together.**

And together, we've made so much progress. We passed a law that helped provide health care for people across this country. Our high school graduation rate is at a record high, and more young people are graduating from college than ever before. Our businesses created millions of jobs, and we lifted millions of Americans out of poverty. We expanded LGBT rights and watched as marriage equality become the law of the land.

We couldn't have done any of this without you. And in the coming weeks, I know Barack is excited to join you in taking on the most important role of all, the role of citizen.

Because it's citizens like you who decided to get involved and do your part to make the change we all believe in. It's citizens like you who refused to let cynicism or fear prevent you from fighting for progress. And it's citizens like you who will keep moving our country forward in the years ahead.

Time and again, you've shown that by working hard and choosing hope, people who love their country can change it.

**So please join me in sharing this moment with Barack tomorrow night at 9:00pm ET as he takes a moment to thank you for everything you've**

**done.**

Thanks,

First Lady Michelle Obama



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**From:** FN-ONDCP-2017Strategy <2017Strategy@ondcp.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 08, 2017 5:49 AM  
**To:** Winne, Esther  
**Subject:** RE: ONDCP strategy

Thank you very much for your comments and input to the 2017 National Drug Control Strategy.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Winne, Esther [<mailto:Esther.Winne@azag.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 5, 2017 6:23 AM  
**To:** FN-ONDCP-2017Strategy <[2017Strategy@ondcp.eop.gov](mailto:2017Strategy@ondcp.eop.gov)>  
**Subject:** ONDCP strategy

Good morning,

Attached please find General Brnovich's response to your request for input on the ONDCP's Strategy for this year.

Regards,  
Esther Winne

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**From:** Winne, Esther  
**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2017 3:23 AM  
**To:** 2017Strategy@ondcp.eop.gov  
**Subject:** ONDCP strategy  
**Attachments:** 201705041332.pdf; ATT00001.txt

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MARK BRNOVICH  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
STATE OF ARIZONA

May 4, 2017

Kemp L. Chester  
Acting Director  
Office of National Drug Control Policy  
Washington, D.C. 20503

Re: National Drug Control Strategy

Dear Director Chester,

I write in response to your request for input regarding the annual National Drug Control Strategy. I appreciate the opportunity to address this difficult issue, and I am grateful that the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) is seeking feedback from states on how the country should navigate the way forward.

It is no secret that our nation is facing a drug crisis. Opioid abuse is now the number one cause of accidental deaths in the United States. Increasingly lethal drugs are being manufactured and trafficked across state and country lines. The impact on our citizens, our law enforcement, our public institutions, and our future is staggering.

While I do not have all the answers, I have four overarching considerations that I ask the ONDCP to take into account as it develops a strategy for this year. First, bad doctors who facilitate the expansion of the opioid crisis need to be identified and prosecuted. Doctors willfully breaking the law need to be held accountable for their actions and for the prescriptions that they write. The ONDCP should put pressure on state medical boards and regulatory agencies to root out this problem and bring bad prescribers to light.

The second consideration that I ask the ONDCP to take into account is patient privacy. We live in a world where our personal information is increasingly accessible and our privacy rights are taking a back seat to convenience and business opportunity. In the midst of this, the government needs to be keenly aware that medical information is especially sensitive information, and as such, should be treated with extra care. Patients deserve privacy and their records should only be shared and utilized in extreme cases.

Third, while I generally support programs that seek to address the drug crisis, I ask the ONDCP to ensure that it always leaves room for legitimate need when developing its strategy. Opioids have gained a bad name because of abuse, but there are many occasions where they are vital for patient treatment. The focus of the national strategy should be on treating those who are dealing with addiction as well as identifying the bad actors that are exasperating the problem; it should not restrict the ability of individuals to receive prescriptions that they truly need.

Finally, as you know, Arizona's proximity to the Mexican border presents a unique set of challenges for our state. Illicit drugs are entering Arizona's communities on a daily basis. We need continued cooperation from our federal law enforcement counterparts in the fight against drug traffickers and cartels. We also need to view the Mexican government as a partner in this effort. Securing the border is only one of the several necessary steps to eliminate the flow of illegal drugs into the United States via the Mexican border. Collaborating and exchanging information with Mexican officials will enhance our efforts in combating the trafficking of drugs across the border.

The task before you is not easy, but I thank you for putting effort and thought into the process. I promise that my office will continue to work toward a solution as we address this problem in our own state.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Brnovich". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mark Brnovich  
Attorney General of Arizona

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**Sent:** Monday, July 09, 2018 7:28 PM  
**To:** Pottebaum, Nic D. EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** RE: Confirm Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court  
**Attachments:** Remarks by President Trump Announcing Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh as the Nominee for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.pdf

State Leaders and Staff,

Final update from the White House tonight.

Attached you will find a transcript from tonight's press conference.

Thanks,  
Nic

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**Sent:** Monday, July 9, 2018  
**Subject:** Confirm Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court

State Leaders and Staff,

Below you will find additional information on Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh. We will share more information as it becomes available.

Attached you will find new factsheets:

- Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh – Religious Liberty (attached)
- Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh – Overregulation (attached)

Additionally, I have already sent these attachments to you, but wanted to make sure it was all in one email:

- Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh – Background (attached)
- What You Need to Know (attached)
- Press Release from the White House (attached)

Sign up for nomination updates here and check back to this page periodically: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/scotus/>.

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**Sent:** Monday, July 09, 2018 6:43 PM  
**To:** Pottebaum, Nic D. EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW | Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh  
**Attachments:** Kavanaugh Packet for Public.pdf; ATT00001.htm

State Leaders and Staff,

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## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW | Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh

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- Together with Justice Gorsuch and others, Judge Kavanaugh coauthored *The Law of Judicial Precedent*, a lengthy treatise on the role and importance of *stare decisis*.
- Judge Kavanaugh has devoted his life to public service. He has spent 25 of the last 28 years serving the American people, most notably as Associate Independent Counsel, Associate White House Counsel, Assistant and Staff Secretary to President George W. Bush, and—of course—as a judge.
- Judge Kavanaugh is active in his community. He coaches CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) basketball, acts as a reader at his church, serves meals to needy families, and tutors children at local elementary schools.
- Brett M. Kavanaugh has served for over a decade as a federal judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit—referred to as the “Second Highest Court in the Land”—building a first-rate judicial record and reputation.
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**From:** Pottebaum, Nic D. EOP/WHO <Nicholas.D.Pottebaum@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 10, 2018 7:40 AM  
**To:** Pottebaum, Nic D. EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** Judge Kavanaugh Is the Right Pick for the Supreme Court

State Leaders and Staff,

Below you will find information released by the White House Press Office this morning.

### **Judge Kavanaugh Is the Right Pick for the Supreme Court.**

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- He has a proven track record as the type of jurist that President Trump has promised to put on the Supreme Court.
- Moreover, Judge Kavanaugh is a mainstream judge who should be easily confirmed.

**Praise Pours in for the President’s Pick.** As the President said this morning, “Brett Kavanaugh got great reviews, actually from both sides. It’s a beautiful thing to watch.”

- **Sen. Mike Lee:** “Judge Kavanaugh is a well-respected jurist who deservedly received bipartisan support when confirmed to the D.C. Circuit in 2006. I know him to be a smart and fair judge, one of the most admired appellate judges in the country.”
- **Ed Meese III:** “With the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, President Trump has chosen a man who will be another great justice... a fair and independent jurist who will faithfully apply the law as written and honor the Constitution.”
- **Fox News’ John Roberts:** “There were a lot of people who thought that he was the perfect person for the job, with a long history and one of the most powerful circuit courts of appeal in the United States.”
- **NPR’s Nina Totenberg:** “I think that this is from the President’s point of view and from the point of view of conservatives is a smart choice. You saw a very graceful gracious nominee... He is, as I said, an enormously skilled and very conservative jurist who as far as I can tell gets along with his colleagues very well... somebody who is potentially a very influential member of the United States Supreme Court.”
- **NBC’s Chuck Todd:** “I think this is a pick that is a very confirmable pick.”

## **A Transparent, Consistent and Principled Selection Process.**

- **Transparent:** As a candidate for President, Donald J. Trump provided to the American people a list of 21 possible nominees to replace the late Justice Antonin Scalia. In November 2017, after Justice Gorsuch was confirmed to the Supreme Court, the President added 5 additional names, creating a final list of 25 candidates.
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**Sent:** Monday, July 09, 2018 3:19 PM  
**To:** Pottebaum, Nic D. EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** RE: INVITE – Briefing Call with White House on 7/9 at 10:15 p.m. ET  
**Attachments:** Keeping His Promise - President Trump's Transparent, Consistent, And Principled Process For Choosing A Supreme Court Nominee.pdf

State Leaders and Staff,

We hope you can join tonight's briefing call at 10:15 p.m. ET (7:15 p.m. PT). Please remember to RSVP for the call-in information [here](#).

Attached and below you will find a factsheet the White House Press Office released today.

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### **KEEPING HIS PROMISE: PRESIDENT TRUMP'S TRANSPARENT, CONSISTENT, AND PRINCIPLED PROCESS FOR CHOOSING A SUPREME COURT NOMINEE**

*"In choosing a new Justice, I will select someone with impeccable credentials, great intellect, unbiased judgement, and deep reverence for the laws and Constitution of the United States." - President Donald J. Trump*

**TRANSPARENT:** President Donald J. Trump promised to be transparent, and to choose justices for the Supreme Court from a list made public for the American people to see and evaluate.

- As a candidate for President, Donald J. Trump provided to the American people a list of 21 possible nominees to replace the late Justice Antonin Scalia.
- In November 2017, after Justice Neil Gorsuch was confirmed to the Supreme Court, the President added five additional names, creating a final list of 25 candidates. The list is as follows:
  - Amy Coney Barrett of Indiana, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
  - Keith Blackwell of Georgia, Supreme Court of Georgia
  - Charles Canady of Florida, Supreme Court of Florida
  - Steven Colloton of Iowa, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
  - Allison Eid of Colorado, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
  - Britt Grant of Georgia, Supreme Court of Georgia
  - Raymond Gruender of Missouri, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
  - Thomas Hardiman of Pennsylvania, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
  - Brett Kavanaugh of Maryland, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
  - Raymond Kethledge of Michigan, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
  - Joan Larsen of Michigan, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
  - Mike Lee of Utah, United States Senator
  - Thomas Lee of Utah, Supreme Court of Utah
  - Edward Mansfield of Iowa, Supreme Court of Iowa
  - Federico Moreno of Florida, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida
  - Kevin Newsom of Alabama, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
  - William Pryor of Alabama, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
  - Margaret Ryan of Virginia, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces
  - David Stras of Minnesota, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

- Diane Sykes of Wisconsin, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- Amul Thapar of Kentucky, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- Timothy Tymkovich of Colorado, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- Robert Young of Michigan, Supreme Court of Michigan (Ret.)
- Don Willett of Texas, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- Patrick Wyrick of Oklahoma, Supreme Court of Oklahoma

**CONSISTENT:** President Trump has repeated the transparent process he used to select Justice Neil Gorsuch.

- The President nominated Justice Neil Gorsuch from his original list of judges.
- President Trump: “I promised that, if elected, I would nominate a Justice who would be faithful and loyal to the Constitution. I even went one step further and publicly presented a list of 20 judges from which I would make my selection, and that’s exactly what we did.”

**PRINCIPLED:** President Trump has laid out a principled vision for Supreme Court justices who will faithfully interpret the Constitution as written.

- President Trump: “In choosing Justice Kennedy’s replacement, my greatest responsibility is to select a Justice who will faithfully interpret the Constitution as written. Judges are not supposed to re-write the law, re-invent the Constitution, or substitute their own opinions for the will of the people expressed through their laws. We reject judicial activism and policy-making from the bench. The faithful application of the Constitution is the bedrock of our freedom, the foundation of our society, and the linchpin of our government. The American System tasks Congress with writing the laws, the executive with enforcing the laws, and the judiciary with issuing neutral judgements based upon those laws and the Constitution we have sworn to protect.”

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**From:** Lagomarsino, Katie R. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Monday, July 9, 2018 5:38 PM  
**Subject:** INVITE – Briefing Call with White House on 7/9 at 10:15 p.m. ET

State Leaders,

You are invited participate in a briefing with White House officials on **Monday, July 9 at 10:15 p.m. ET.**

**White House Briefing**

- **Date:** Monday, July 9
- **Time:** 10:15 p.m. ET
- **RSVP HERE:** Please note you will receive instructions on accessing the conference call after you RSVP through the link.

This invitation is non-transferable. Please let us know if you have any questions.

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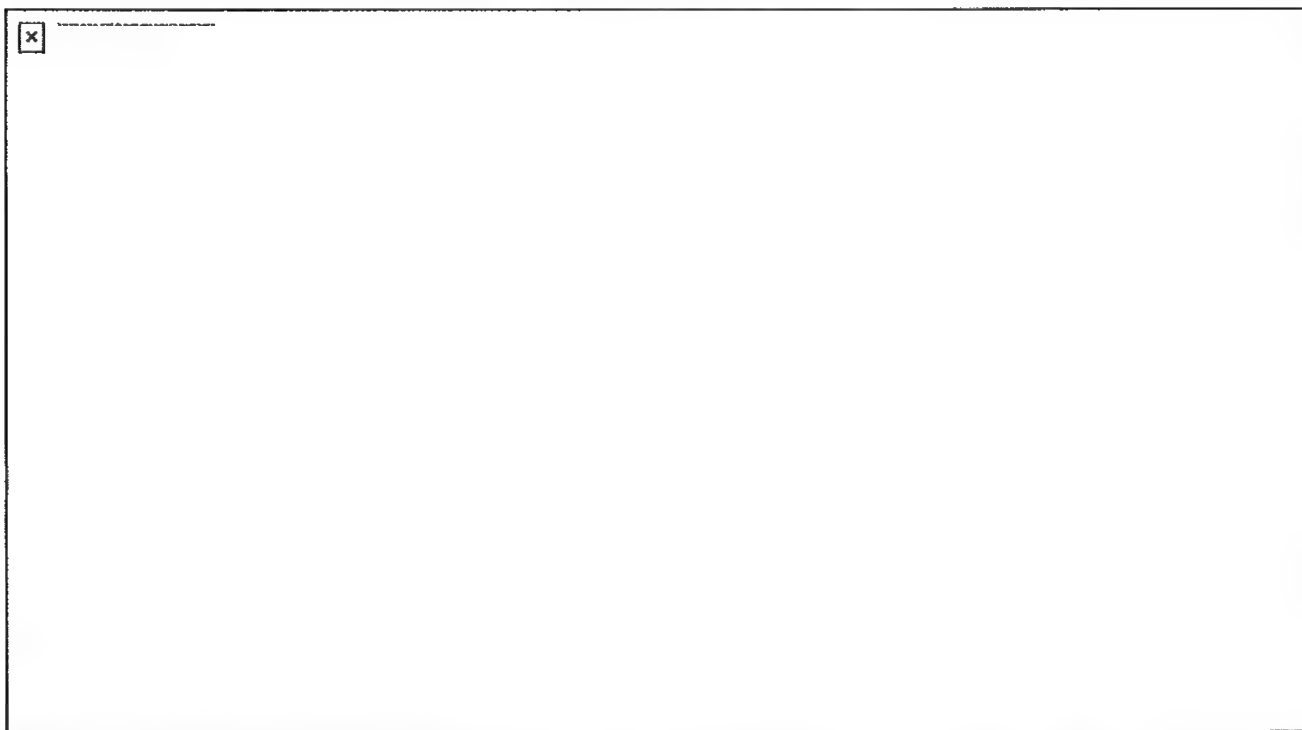
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**Sent:** Friday, July 06, 2018 3:33 PM  
**Cc:** Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** President Donald J. Trump's Weekly Address

State Leaders,

Below you will find President Donald J. Trump's Weekly Address.

**President Donald J. Trump's Weekly Address**



The President's Weekly Address is now available to watch on [www.WhiteHouse.gov/WeeklyAddress/](http://www.WhiteHouse.gov/WeeklyAddress/).

**Transcript:**

One of the most important decisions a President will ever make is the decision to nominate a Justice to the United States Supreme Court.

Last week, Justice Anthony Kennedy announced his decision to take senior status. I was greatly honored when Justice Kennedy came to the White House to meet with me. America is truly grateful for Justice Kennedy's lifetime of distinguished service. He has given me a great responsibility to choose a worthy successor.

Last year, I was proud to appoint Justice Kennedy's former law clerk, Neil Gorsuch, to the Supreme Court. Over the last year, Justice Gorsuch has embodied the most sacred principles of the Court – making impartial decisions based upon the Constitution.

In choosing Justice Kennedy's replacement, my greatest responsibility is to select a Justice who will faithfully interpret the Constitution as written. Judges are not supposed to re-write the law, re-invent the Constitution, or substitute their own opinions for the will of the people expressed through their laws. We reject judicial activism and policy-making from the bench. The faithful application of the Constitution is the bedrock of our freedom, the foundation of our society, and the linchpin of our government. The American System tasks Congress with writing the laws, the executive with enforcing the laws, and the judiciary with issuing neutral judgements based upon those laws and the Constitution we have sworn to protect.

In choosing a new Justice, I will select someone with impeccable credentials, great intellect, unbiased judgement, and deep reverence for the laws and Constitution of the United States.

I look forward to making an announcement soon – so that we can further strengthen and protect liberty and justice for all.

Thank you, and God Bless America.

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**Sent:** Monday, July 02, 2018 8:07 AM  
**Cc:** Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** CORRECT THE RECORD | Sunday Shows on the Supreme Court Vacancy

State Leaders and Staff,

Below you will find a key excerpt from President Trump's Sunday morning interview and information from Sunday shows on the Supreme Court vacancy.

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## **HIGHLIGHTS | Key Excerpt from President Trump's Sunday Morning Interview**

**POTUS on SCOTUS pick:** "I'm going to pick somebody's who's outstanding. And I think yes, I think we will go very quickly. I actually believe that. A lot of people think it's going to be very - it's probably going to be vicious because the other side, all they can do obstruct and resist. You know, their whole thing is resist. And maybe someday we'll be able to get along with the other side, I don't know. But right now it's only resist. That's all they want to do is stop things from happening. So they're going to try very hard, but I think it's going to go actually very quickly if I pick the right person."

## **CORRECT THE RECORD | Sunday Shows on the Supreme Court Vacancy**

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**FICTION:** Senate Democrats, including Sens. Maria Cantwell (D-WA) and Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) claim a Supreme Court candidate should not be considered until after the mid-term elections.

**FACT:** Senate Democrats, including Cantwell and Klobuchar, had no qualms about considering the nomination of Justice Elena Kagan in the 2010 mid-term election year.

- On NBC's "Meet the Press" yesterday, Cantwell said that she would "love" for the Supreme Court nomination to be delayed until after the election, while on ABC's "This Week," Klobuchar suggested the vote should be delayed until "after the election."

KLOBUCHAR: Oh, I'm saying that certainly the Republicans made the argument in 2016 that they could take their time and you could have eight on the bench, I didn't agree with them back then but they set a new precedent.

So all we're saying is you should let the people have a say in this critical position and have this vote after the election. But to me, what's more important is the decision that's being made right now by the president, and that we must continue to weigh in on having a balanced person that's going to look at the law and look at precedent and make decisions based on the law.

- In May 2010, President Obama nominated Elena Kagan less than six months before the mid-term elections.
- In August 2010, less than three months before those mid-terms, Cantwell and Klobuchar were two of the 58 Democratic Senators who voted to confirm Kagan.
- At the time, Cantwell called the confirmation process in a mid-term year "thorough, fair and open."

**"As a former member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I respect the confirmation process and believe that the confirmation hearings for Solicitor General Kagan --who testified for more than 17 hours and answered over 540 questions -- were thorough, fair and open. I am in full support of President Obama's nomination of Solicitor General Kagan to be the next Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, and I urge my Senate colleagues to join me in confirming this highly qualified nominee."**

**FICTION:** Senate Democrats should be able to get a specific answer from a Supreme Court nominee on how they would rule in the future.

**FACT:** Following precedent, Supreme Court nominees are not supposed to answer questions about how they might rule in cases that could come before the Court.

- On Sunday morning, Sen. Klobuchar suggested that she and her fellow Democrats would press a Supreme Court nominee to give an answer about how they might rule on any future cases regarding *Roe v. Wade*.

RADDATZ: -- but how do you get a real sense of someone who wouldn't overturn *Roe v. Wade*?

KLOBUCHAR: You do that by asking questions, and the first fork in the road here is going to be people like Senator Collins, Republicans, and I wouldn't just say the women, you know, let's hear from some of these men, Senator Flake, Senator McCain, Senator Corker, others who weigh in that you want someone that's going to hold -- uphold precedent.

***Roe v. Wade, 45 years on the books as precedent, and the second thing you do then is when you have a nominee, is you ask those questions.*** And by the way, we just

- But at her 1993 confirmation hearing, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg laid out what is now known as the "Ginsburg rule," saying "it would be wrong for me to say or to preview in this legislative chamber how I would cast my vote on questions the Supreme Court may be called upon to decide."

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There is, of course, this critical difference. You are well aware that I come to this proceeding to be judged as a judge, not as an advocate. Because I am and hope to continue to be a judge, it would be wrong for me to say or to preview in this legislative chamber how I would cast my vote on questions the Supreme Court may be called upon to decide. Were I to rehearse here what I would say and how I would reason on such questions, I would act injudiciously.

Judges in our system are bound to decide concrete cases, not abstract issues. Each case comes to court based on particular facts and its decision should turn on those facts and the governing law, stated and explained in light of the particular arguments the parties or their representatives present. A judge sworn to decide impartially can offer no forecasts, no hints, for that would show not only disregard for the specifics of the particular case, it would display disdain for the entire judicial process.

- According to the Congressional Research Service, "The Ginsburg Rule" has come to mean that nominees should not "disclose their personal views or opinions on issues" if they could come up before them at the Supreme Court.

constitutional issues. Notable in this regard were the 1993 Supreme Court confirmation hearings for nominee Ruth Bader Ginsburg. In her opening statement to the Judiciary Committee, Judge Ginsburg articulated a limit on what the Senators could expect their questioning to elicit from her, stating she would be constrained, when responding to questions, from providing any "previews," "hints," or "forecasts" of how she as a Justice might cast her vote on issues coming before the Court. These limits subsequently came to be known informally as the "Ginsburg Rule," standing for the principle—invoked frequently by later Court nominees—that nominees should not, in replying to questions from Judiciary Committee members, disclose their personal views or opinions on issues if there were a possibility the issues in the future would come before the Court.

- Since Ginsburg's nomination, "every nominee to follow has invoked the 'Ginsburg Rule' and refrained from answering questions that implicate matters and issues that might come before the Supreme Court."

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**Subject:** Statement from the President Regarding Supreme Court Ruling

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
June 26, 2018

**Statement from the President Regarding Supreme Court Ruling**

Today's Supreme Court ruling is a tremendous victory for the American People and the Constitution. The Supreme Court has upheld the clear authority of the President to defend the national security of the United States. In this era of worldwide terrorism and extremist movements bent on harming innocent civilians, we must properly vet those coming into our country. This ruling is also a moment of profound vindication following months of hysterical commentary from the media and Democratic politicians who refuse to do what it takes to secure our border and our country. As long as I am President, I will defend the sovereignty, safety, and security of the American People, and fight for an immigration system that serves the national interests of the United States and its citizens. Our country will always be safe, secure, and protected on my watch.

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**Subject:** Recent Immigration Action Taken By The President  
**Attachments:** Executive Order Affording Congress an Opportunity to Address Family Separation.pdf; President Donald J. Trump is Acting to Enforce the Law, While Keeping Families Together.pdf; Remarks by President Trump and Vice President Pence at Signing of Executive Order Affording Congress an Opportunity to Address Family Separation.pdf

State Leaders and Staff,

Today, President Donald J. Trump signed an Executive Order (*Affording Congress An Opportunity To Address Family Separation*), in response to our nation's broken immigration system. We wanted to provide you with information to address questions that you or your staff may have. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out. We appreciate your continued partnership.

Attached you will find:

- **Executive Order – Affording Congress An Opportunity To Address Family Separation** (attached)
- **Factsheet – The Crisis at the Border by the Numbers** (attached)
  - SECURING THE BORDER, KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER: President Donald J. Trump is using his existing executive authority to address family separation of illegal alien border-crossers.
  - REFUSING TO DO THEIR JOB: Congressional Democrats have chosen to play politics with a humanitarian and national security crisis.
  - CONGRESS MUST ACT: Lawmakers must still pass legislation to secure our border and to finally and fully allow family and minor detention and prompt removal.
- **Transcript – President Trump and Vice President Pence** (from June 20, 2018 – attached)

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
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Attorneys General Senior Staff,

Please see the full Executive Order (Executive Order Affording Congress an Opportunity to Address Family Separation) the President signed today.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
June 20, 2018

EXECUTIVE ORDER

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AFFORDING CONGRESS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS FAMILY SEPARATION

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), 8 U.S.C. 1101 *et seq.*, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Policy. It is the policy of this Administration to rigorously enforce our immigration laws. Under our laws, the only legal way for an alien to enter this country is at a designated port of entry at an appropriate time. When an alien enters or attempts to enter the country anywhere else, that alien has committed at least the crime of improper entry and is subject to a fine or imprisonment under section 1325(a) of title 8, United States Code. This Administration will initiate proceedings to enforce this and other criminal provisions of the INA until and unless Congress directs otherwise. It is also the policy of this Administration to maintain family unity, including by detaining alien families together where appropriate and consistent with law and available resources. It is unfortunate that Congress's failure to act and court orders have put the Administration in the position of separating alien families to effectively enforce the law.

Sec. 2. Definitions. For purposes of this order, the following definitions apply:

(a) "Alien family" means

(i) any person not a citizen or national of the United States who has not been admitted into, or is not authorized to enter or remain in, the United States, who entered this country with an

alien child or alien children at or between designated ports of entry and who was detained; and

(ii) that person's alien child or alien children.

(b) "Alien child" means any person not a citizen or national of the United States who

(i) has not been admitted into, or is not authorized to enter or remain in, the United States;

(ii) is under the age of 18; and

(iii) has a legal parent-child relationship to an alien who entered the United States with the alien child at or between designated ports of entry and who was detained.

Sec. 3. Temporary Detention Policy for Families Entering this Country Illegally. (a) The Secretary of Homeland Security (Secretary), shall, to the extent permitted by law and subject to the availability of appropriations, maintain custody of alien families during the pendency of any criminal improper entry or immigration proceedings involving their members.

(b) The Secretary shall not, however, detain an alien family together when there is a concern that detention of an alien child with the child's alien parent would pose a risk to the child's welfare.

(c) The Secretary of Defense shall take all legally available measures to provide to the Secretary, upon request, any existing facilities available for the housing and care of alien families, and shall construct such facilities if necessary and consistent with law. The Secretary, to the extent permitted by law, shall be responsible for reimbursement for the use of these facilities.

(d) Heads of executive departments and agencies shall, to the extent consistent with law, make available to the Secretary, for the housing and care of alien families pending court proceedings for improper entry, any facilities that are appropriate for such purposes. The Secretary, to the extent permitted by law, shall be responsible for reimbursement for the use of these facilities.

(e) The Attorney General shall promptly file a request with the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California to modify the Settlement Agreement in *Flores v. Sessions*, CV 85-4544 ("*Flores* settlement"), in a manner that would permit the Secretary, under present resource constraints, to detain alien families together throughout the pendency of criminal proceedings for improper entry or any removal or other immigration proceedings.

Sec. 4. Prioritization of Immigration Proceedings Involving Alien Families. The Attorney General shall, to the extent practicable, prioritize the adjudication of cases involving detained families.

Sec. 5. General Provisions. (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This order shall be implemented in a manner consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

DONALD J. TRUMP

THE WHITE HOUSE,  
June 20, 2018.

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**Attachments:** Factsheet - The Crisis at the Border by the Numbers.pdf; Department of Homeland Security Press Release - Myth vs. Fact - DHS Zero....pdf; Press Briefing by Press Secretary Sarah Sanders and Department of Homela....pdf; National Review Editorial Board - "Congress Should Act on the Border".pdf

Attorneys General Senior Staff,

President Donald J. Trump is committed to fixing our broken immigration system. We wanted to provide you with information to address questions your attorney general may have. As always, if your attorney general has questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. We appreciate your continued partnership.

Attached you will find:

- **Factsheet – The Crisis at the Border by the Numbers (attached)**
  - *Fixing Our Broken Immigration System*: Congress needs to close the loopholes that are preventing common sense immigration enforcement.
  - *UAC Loopholes By The Numbers*: Legal loopholes have hamstrung immigration enforcement and contributed to the crisis at our border as UAC arrivals have surged.
  - *Asylum Loopholes By The Numbers*: Loopholes in our asylum laws are subject to exploitation, contributing to significant spikes in asylum claims in recent years.
- **Myth vs. Fact – DHS Zero-Tolerance Policy (Department of Homeland Security Press Release) (attached)**
  - *In recent days, we have seen reporters, Members of Congress, and other groups mislead the public on the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) zero-tolerance policy. Federal law enforcement officers have sworn duties to enforce the laws that Congress passes. Repeating intentionally untrue and unsubstantiated statements about DHS agents, officers, and procedures is irresponsible and deeply disrespectful to the men and women who risk their lives every day to secure our border and enforce our laws.*
  - Further information in the attachment.
- **Transcript – Press Briefing by Press Secretary Sarah Sanders and Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen (from June 18, 2018 – attached)**
- **National Review Op-Ed – National Review Editorial Board: "Congress Should Act on the Border" (attached)**

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
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**Subject:** Results of Congressional Democrats' Dangerous Immigration Policies

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
June 15, 2018

**RESULTS OF CONGRESSIONAL DEMOCRATS' DANGEROUS IMMIGRATION POLICIES**

*"We must restore integrity and the rule of law at our borders." – President Donald J. Trump*

**CONGRESSIONAL DEMOCRATS' FAMILY SEPARATION POLICY: Too many American families have been permanently separated from loved ones lost to illegal alien crime.**

- Open border laws and policies are responsible for the permanent separation of too many American families whose loved ones have been lost to illegal alien crime.
- President Trump has met with family members whose loved ones have fallen victim to illegal alien crime.
  - Juan Pina was permanently separated from his daughter after she was strangled, raped, and murdered by an illegal alien.
  - Laura Wilkerson was permanently separated from her son, who was brutally murdered by an illegal alien classmate.
  - Jamiel Shaw, Sr. was permanently separated from his son, who was tragically murdered by an illegal alien gang member.
- Congressional Democrats have repeatedly voted against common sense immigration legislation that would help make our communities safer.
  - In 2017, 174 House Democrats voted against legislation that would have helped ensure aliens associated with a gang are not admitted into the United States and would have empowered officials to more effectively remove those already here.
  - In 2017, 166 House Democrats voted against Kate's Law, named after Kate Steinle who was killed by a previously deported illegal alien with a lengthy criminal history.
  - In February 2018, Senate Democrats blocked legislation that would have cracked down on dangerous sanctuary cities.

**OPEN BORDER POLICIES: American communities have suffered from illegal alien crime and illegal drugs flooding our country due to open border policies and immigration enforcement loopholes.**

- Drugs have flooded across our porous borders, poisoning our communities, and costing American lives.
  - The Southwest border is a major source of illegal drugs entering the United States.
  - Most heroin entering the United States is produced in Mexico, and production levels there continue to rise.
- A total of 57,820 known or suspected aliens were in Department of Justice custody at the end of the first quarter of fiscal year 2018, 60 percent of whom were aliens with orders of removal.
- A 2011 report by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) found nearly 3 million criminal arrest offenses tied to incarcerated criminal aliens, including 25,000 homicide offenses.

- Transnational gangs, such as MS-13, take advantage of our open borders and the loopholes in our immigration system.
  - MS-13 and other gangs have bolstered their ranks by exploiting the influx of Unaccompanied Alien Children entering the United States.

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**Cc:** Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** RE: Taking Action to Stop Youth Opioid Abuse

State and Local Leaders,

We understand some of you had challenges opening up a zip file sent in the initial email. Here are the files posted on the White House website.

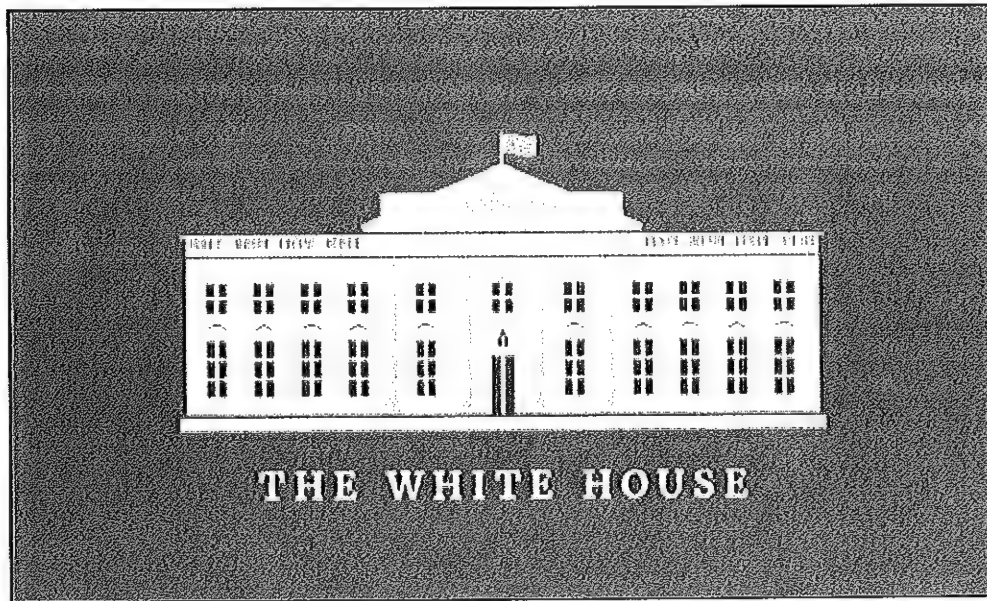
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**Subject:** Taking Action to Stop Youth Opioid Abuse

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Thank you to those who joined today's briefing call on the **Youth Opioid Prevent Ad Campaign**. Below and attached you will find additional information (including the toolkit referenced in the call).



“My Administration is committed to fighting the drug epidemic and helping get treatment for those in need.”

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- **Factsheet – President Donald J. Trump is Taking Action to Stop Youth Opioid Abuse** (attached)
    - **Campaign To Stop Youth Opioid Abuse:** President Donald J. Trump is dedicating his first public service campaign to combatting opioid misuse and addiction among youth.
    - **The Opioid Crisis:** The opioid epidemic in America is growing and young people are at an elevated risk of addiction.
    - **Taking Action To Combat Opioids:** President Trump and his Administration are committed to fighting opioid addiction across the Nation
  - **Toolkit – Youth Opioid Prevention Toolkit** (attached in the zip file)
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President Trump, the First Lady and the entire Trump Administration is committed to combatting the opioid crisis. The youth opioid abuse prevention campaign will be the first of the President's public service campaigns, demonstrating to young adults how quickly addiction can happen and the depths one can go to in order to feed that addiction. The youth opioid abuse prevention ads will begin distribution on digital and television June 7.

#### Additional Information

Today is the official launch the first of many anti-opioid campaigns from the Trump Administration. This first campaign, done through the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) will be focused on young adult opioid prevention. This campaign is a partnership between the Executive Office of the President, the Ad Council and the Truth Initiative. Attached you will find a campaign toolkit with the core elements helpful to the promotion of this effort, a fact sheet and prevention brochure.

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#### Campaign Summary

- **The Campaign:** This first campaign is a multi-channel campaign from the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), the Ad Council and Truth Initiative that focuses on preventing and reducing the misuse of opioids among youth and young adults.
- **The Audience:** The target audience is young adults 18 to 24 years old, with a halo audience of 15 to 30 years old.
- **The Website:** The campaign's website, [opioids.thetruth.com](https://opioids.thetruth.com), will include information about opioids, the epidemic, and a link to a treatment locator powered by SAMHSA.
- **The Ads:** The first set of four ads brings to life four different, hyper-relatable addiction stories of young Americans who, in pursuit of more pain pills, go to extreme measures to feed their addiction -- including a purposeful car crash and a self-inflicted broken arm.
  - This multi-channel campaign will reach youth and young adults through donated media on digital platforms and social media, influencers and television.

- Every aspect of the campaign is grounded in research, evaluation and expert input. The final product reflects the most engaging of approximately 150 tested messages.
- This is the first of multiple advertising and awareness campaigns targeted to young Americans and the opioid crisis.

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#### **Statement from the Press Secretary Regarding the Youth Opioid Prevention Ad Campaign**

Today, the Administration unveiled the first set of public awareness ads to combat the opioid crisis. This first set of ads is focused on preventing young adults, ages 18-24, from misusing or abusing opioids. This campaign was created in partnership with the Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Ad Council, and the Truth Initiative. The Ad Council has a 75-year history of effective and iconic public awareness campaigns, and the Truth Initiative has a proven track record of changing youth health behaviors.

The first four ads, which are based on real life, tell the graphic stories of four young adults going to extreme lengths to maintain their prescription opioid addiction. These ads show young adults how quickly opioid addiction can occur, and the extreme lengths to which some go to continue use of drugs while in the grips of addiction. This will be the first of many ad campaigns from this Administration targeted to different audiences and varying aspects of the opioid crisis.

On day one of his Administration, President Donald J. Trump made combatting drug abuse and the opioid crisis a focal point of his Administration's agenda. In 2016, this crisis took the lives of 116 of our fellow Americans every day. This means opioid overdoses were responsible for killing more Americans than vehicle crashes, gun violence, or breast cancer. More than two-thirds of people in treatment for prescription opioids reported first using them before they were 25 years old. As we have said from the beginning, tackling this crisis will take a whole-of-government approach, and the Trump Administration remains committed to working with Congress, State, local, and tribal officials, and other important stakeholders to end this crisis once and for all.

This campaign is another critical step in the Trump Administration's effort to combat drug demand and the opioid crisis. The President's Initiative to Stop Opioid Abuse, which he announced on March 19, 2018, will help to reduce drug demand and save lives through education and awareness and by preventing over-prescribing, cutting off the flow of illicit drugs across our borders and into our communities, and expanding access to evidence-based treatment.

To view the ads and learn more about the campaign to combat the opioid epidemic, visit [opioids.thetruth.com](https://opioids.thetruth.com).

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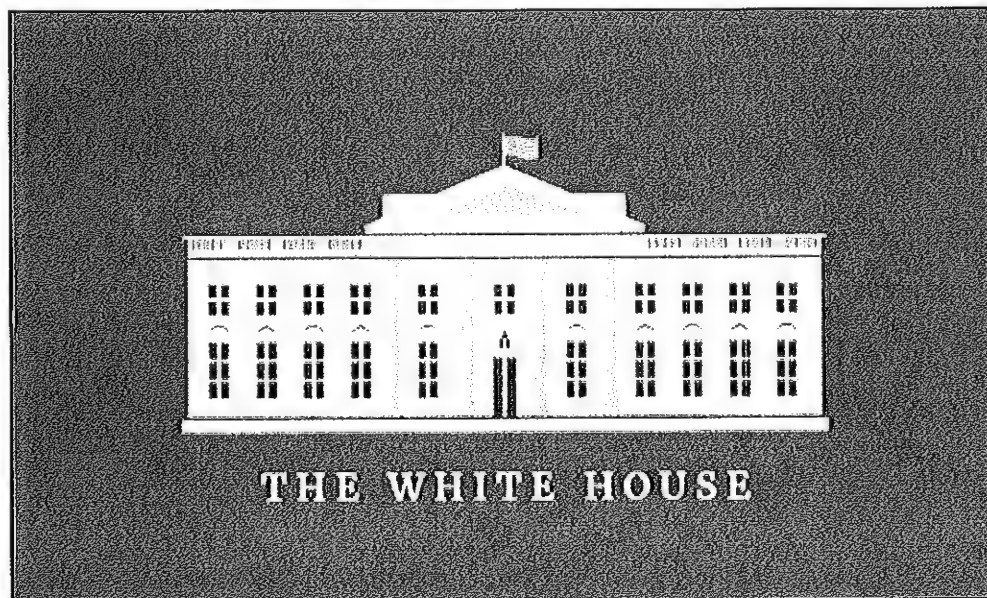
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- This is the first of multiple advertising and awareness campaigns targeted to young Americans and the opioid crisis.

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#### **Statement from the Press Secretary Regarding the Youth Opioid Prevention Ad Campaign**

Today, the Administration unveiled the first set of public awareness ads to combat the opioid crisis. This first set of ads is focused on preventing young adults, ages 18-24, from misusing or abusing opioids. This campaign was created in partnership with the Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Ad Council, and the Truth Initiative. The Ad Council has a 75-year history of effective and iconic public awareness campaigns, and the Truth Initiative has a proven track record of changing youth health behaviors.

The first four ads, which are based on real life, tell the graphic stories of four young adults going to extreme lengths to maintain their prescription opioid addiction. These ads show young adults how quickly opioid addiction can occur, and the extreme lengths to which some go to continue use of drugs while in the grips of addiction. This will be the first of many ad campaigns from this Administration targeted to different audiences and varying aspects of the opioid crisis.

On day one of his Administration, President Donald J. Trump made combatting drug abuse and the opioid crisis a focal point of his Administration's agenda. In 2016, this crisis took the lives of 116 of our fellow Americans every day. This means opioid overdoses were responsible for killing more Americans than vehicle crashes, gun violence, or breast cancer. More than two-thirds of people in treatment for prescription opioids reported first using them before they were 25 years old. As we have said from the beginning, tackling this crisis will take a whole-of-government approach, and the Trump Administration remains committed to working with Congress, State, local, and tribal officials, and other important stakeholders to end this crisis once and for all.

This campaign is another critical step in the Trump Administration's effort to combat drug demand and the opioid crisis. The President's Initiative to Stop Opioid Abuse, which he announced on March 19, 2018, will help to reduce drug demand and save lives through education and awareness and by preventing over-prescribing, cutting off the flow of illicit drugs across our borders and into our communities, and expanding access to evidence-based treatment.

To view the ads and learn more about the campaign to combat the opioid epidemic, visit [opioids.thetruth.com](https://opioids.thetruth.com).

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**Subject:** Trump Administration's Proposed Title X Rule  
**Attachments:** Remarks by President Trump at the Susan B. Anthony List 11th Annual Campaign for Life Gala.pdf

State Leaders,

Below you will find additional information on the Trump Administration's Proposed Title X Rule.

- **WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT** | Proposed Title X Family Planning Program Rule from the Department of Health and Human Services (see below)
- **WHAT THEY ARE SAYING** | Support For The Trump Administration's Proposed Title X Rule (see below)
- **PRESS RELEASE** | HHS Announces Proposed Update to Title X Family Planning Grant Program (see below)
- **ICYMI** | Trump is Proving to Be the Most Fearlessly Pro-Life President in History (see below)
- **REMARKS** | President Trump at the Susan B. Anthony List 11th Annual Campaign for Life Gala (attached)



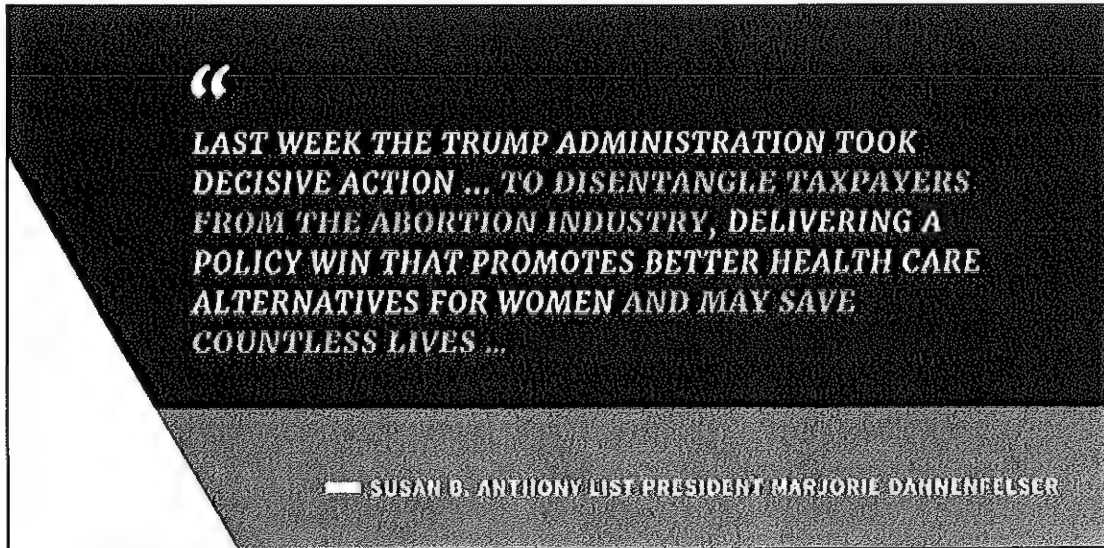
Watch the Full Video [Here](#).

"As long as we have faith in our citizens, confidence in our values, and trust in our God then we will never ever fail. Our nation will

thrive, our people will prosper, and America will be greater than ever before and that is what is happening.”

President Donald J. Trump

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#### **WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT | Proposed Title X Family Planning Program Rule from the Department of Health and Human Services**

*Statement: The Administration’s announcement today of a proposed rule on Title X family planning program fulfills President Donald J. Trump’s promise to continue to improve women’s health and ensure that Federal funds are not used to fund the abortion industry in violation of the law. The President is pleased to support the proposed rule from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which would update the regulations governing the Title X family planning program. This important proposal would ensure compliance with the program’s existing statutory prohibition on funding programs in which abortion is a method of family planning. The new proposed rule would not cut funds from the Title X program. Instead, it would ensure that taxpayers do not indirectly fund abortions. Contrary to recent media reports, HHS’s proposal does not include the so-called “gag rule” on counseling about abortion that was part of the Reagan Administration’s Title X rule.*

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**WE CHERISH THE SACRED  
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**PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP**

**PRESS RELEASE | HHS Announces Proposed Update to Title X Family Planning Grant Program**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is issuing a proposal to update the regulations governing the Title X family planning program, which focuses on serving low-income Americans. The proposed update to the regulations ensures compliance with statutory program integrity provisions governing the program and, in particular, the statutory prohibition on funding “programs where abortion is a method of family planning.” (42 U.S.C. § 300a-6) The proposed update to the regulations, which were last revised 18 years ago, would also make notable improvements designed to increase the number of patients served and improve their quality of care.

The Title X program serves approximately 4 million people annually, and the proposed update seeks to ensure a holistic and health-centered approach; safeguarding the short and long-term family planning needs of more women, men, and adolescents in need of services. It is of utmost importance that individuals in low-income communities receive comprehensive family planning services, and care that promotes the welfare of adults and youth. It is equally important that, as stewards of taxpayer funds, the Department assures that the program operates according to statutory requirements.

Key elements of the proposed update include:

- Requiring clear financial and physical separation between Title X funded projects and programs or facilities where abortion is a method of family planning.
  - This separation will ensure adherence to statutory restrictions and provide clarity about permissible and impermissible activities for Title X projects.
- Improving program transparency by requiring more complete reporting by grantees about subrecipients and other program partners and their Title X funded activities, to ensure quality provision of family planning services and compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements.
- Protecting Title X health providers so that they are not required to choose between the health of their patients and their own consciences, by eliminating the current requirement that they provide abortion counseling and referral. The proposal would not bar non-directive counseling on abortion, but would prohibit referral for abortion as a method of family planning.
- Protecting women and children who have experienced child abuse, child molestation, incest, sexual abuse, rape, intimate partner violence, and trafficking by:
  - Requiring annual training for staff at Title X clinics and ensuring they have a site-specific protocol in place to protect victims.
  - Requiring compliance with State and local laws on reporting or notification of these crimes.
  - Providing counseling to minors on how to resist attempts to coerce them into sexual activities.

- Requiring clinics to encourage meaningful parent/child communication and, as required by federal law, encourage family participation in a minor's decision to seek family planning services, giving practical ways to begin – and maintain – such communication.
- Maintaining the patient/doctor confidential relationship within the statutory requirements.
- Permitting individuals to qualify for Title X services if they are unable to obtain employer-sponsored insurance coverage for certain contraceptive services due to their employer's religious beliefs or moral convictions.
- Providing high quality comprehensive family planning services to those currently unserved, while ensuring the integrity of the Title X program, consistent with statutory requirements.

The proposed update can be found [here](#).

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## **WHAT THEY ARE SAYING | Support For The Trump Administration's Proposed Title X Rule**

*Editorial boards, pro-life leaders, and commentators are praising the Trump Administration's effort to ensure that taxpayers do not fund the abortion industry in violation of the law.*

**WASHINGTON EXAMINER EDITORIAL BOARD:** *Pulling the Subsidy Plug on Planned Parenthood*

"President Trump's action last week, barring Title X family planning funds from programs and facilities that perform abortions, is thus entirely right and reasonable ... In theory, Title X money cannot pay for abortion as a form of family planning. But it has long been misinterpreted to require recipient programs at least to refer women to abortionists. Trump's change at last ends this, going back to the law as it is written rather than as the abortion industry and its advocates wish and pretend it to be."

**NEW HAMPSHIRE UNION LEADER EDITORIAL BOARD:** *Abortion Subsidies: Ending Planned Parenthood's Scheme*

"Trump wants to reinstate rules similar to those first approved by President Ronald Reagan, which would require a bright line between a facility receiving Title X funds and one performing abortions. Doctors could counsel pregnant women about abortion, but could not refer them for abortions. This would help end the pernicious cross-subsidy forcing taxpayers to underwrite abortions. The U.S. Supreme Court found the Reagan-era rules constitutional in 1991. Abortion providers have no inherent right to the public's money."

**NATIONAL REVIEW EDITORIAL BOARD:** *Defunding Planned Parenthood: Donald Trump's Good Start*


"[T]he Trump administration has made a positive and necessary step not just towards the unambiguously pro-life goal of defunding the nation's largest abortion provider but also towards carrying out the intent of Congress when it passed Title X ... the Trump administration is right to more effectively enforce the will of Congress. We applaud this decision."

*SUSAN B. ANTHONY LIST PRESIDENT MARJORIE DANNENFELSER IN REAL CLEAR POLITICS: Trump Takes Taxpayers Out of the Abortion Business*

"Last week the Trump administration took decisive action on the president's pledge to disentangle taxpayers from the abortion industry, delivering a policy win that promotes better health care alternatives for women and may save countless lives ... We thank President Trump for doing what it takes to fulfill this core promise and get taxpayers out of the abortion business."


*THE WASHINGTON TIMES' CHERYL CHUMLEY: Trump's About to Make Pro-Life Camp Very Happy*

"President Donald Trump has a new proposal, and it's one that's going to make his Christian and evangelical base quite happy ... [It is] what Trump said he'd do while campaigning for president — to stop using taxpayer dollars to support agencies that provide abortions, that is. And truly, too — even pro-choicers have to see that taking tax dollars to slide into the abortion industry is wrong, wrong and wrong again."

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**Full Statement [Here](#).**

### ICYMI | Trump is Proving to Be The Most Fearlessly Pro-Life President In History

"Trump has stood up for the humanity of the unborn child like no President in recent memory," Marc A. Thiessen writes in *The Washington Post*.

President Trump's critics were apoplectic last week when the president referred to MS-13 gang members as "animals." Of course, no one should be dehumanized. Yet many of the same people expressing outrage that Trump would dehumanize vicious gang members have no problem dehumanizing innocent, unborn children.

Trump has stood up for the humanity of the unborn child like no president in recent memory. And this is why so many Christian conservatives stick with him. Witness the foot-stomping standing ovation the president received Tuesday night at the annual Campaign for Life gala of the pro-life Susan B. Anthony List. Not only was Trump reportedly the first

president to address this incredible organization in its 26-year history, he used the occasion to deliver on yet another pro-life promise, one that his Republican predecessors could not, or would not, fulfill: He announced a new rule to stop indirect taxpayer funding of abortion through the Title X family planning program.

"When I ran for office, I pledged to stand for life, and as president, that's exactly what I have done," Trump declared. "Today, we have kept another promise. My administration has proposed a new rule to prohibit Title X funding from going to any clinic that performs abortions."

Any organization receiving Title X funds will be required to establish a bright line of both physical and financial separation between its family planning activities and any program or facility that performs or refers women for abortions. Since 1976, federal law has prohibited use of federal funds for abortion. But today, Planned Parenthood clinics that receive federal family planning funds often essentially refer women for on-site abortions. Under Trump's Protect Life Rule, this will no longer be permitted.

The Protect Life Rule is a victory pro-life Americans have been awaiting for three decades. President Ronald Reagan first issued a version of the rule in 1988, but pro-abortion groups challenged it in court. The George H.W. Bush administration fought them all the way to the Supreme Court and won: In 1991, the court upheld the Reagan rule in *Rust v. Sullivan*. But the ruling came too late; Bill Clinton soon took office and withdrew the rule.

When George W. Bush was elected, he failed to reinstate the rule during his eight years in office. My former White House colleague Yuval Levin recently wrote that the reinstatement effort "was abandoned in the spring of 2006, in a deputies-level policy gathering that was one of the most contentious meetings I ever witnessed in government."

In the Trump administration, there were apparently no "contentious" meetings or hand-wringing over the impact on Capitol Hill. He just did it. This fearlessness when it comes to the cause of life is what warms the hearts of Christian conservatives and makes them loyal to the president.

The left is, of course, outraged. Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) called Trump's action "despicable," and the New York Times editorial page complained that the rule "could devastate groups like Planned Parenthood." That is, unfortunately, a gross overstatement, as Planned Parenthood gets three-quarters of its federal funds through Medicaid, which would not be impacted. But it is music to pro-life ears. And despite Democrats' anger, the new rule should have broad public support. A Marist poll released in January found that 60 percent of Americans oppose using tax dollars for abortion, while only 36 percent approve.

Since taking office, Trump has taken many steps to ensure our tax dollars are not used to subsidize the taking of innocent human life. He got a record number of conservative judges confirmed during his first year; allowed states to defund Planned Parenthood; defunded the pro-abortion United Nations Population Fund; restored and expanded the Mexico City policy banning taxpayer funds for groups that perform abortions overseas; and exempted organizations with moral objections against providing abortifacient drugs from the Obamacare Health and Human Services mandate. He is, as SBA List President Marjorie Dannenfelser put it Tuesday, "the most pro-life president in our nation's history."

"Every life is sacred, and . . . every child is a precious gift from God," Trump declared Tuesday night. "We know that every life has meaning and that every life is totally worth protecting." Trump is doing everything in his power to protect those lives. That is why pro-life conservatives stick with him.

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**Read: [the full article by Marc A. Thiessen](#)**

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**Subject:** President Donald J. Trump is Dedicated to Combating MS-13

State Leaders,

Today, the White House Press Office sent out a factsheet on the President's efforts to combat MS-13. See below for additional information.

### **PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP IS DEDICATED TO COMBATING MS-13**

*"I am calling on the Congress to finally close the deadly loopholes that have allowed MS-13, and other criminals, to break into our country." – President Donald J. Trump*

**MS-13 IS A THREAT TO AMERICAN COMMUNITIES:** President Donald J. Trump is committed to protecting communities from the violent animals of MS-13.

- MS-13 is a transnational gang that has committed horrendous acts of violence in communities across America.
  - The gang's motto is "mata, viola, controla," which means "kill, rape, control."
- There are more than 10,000 MS-13 members in the United States and more than 30,000 members worldwide.
  - MS-13 is active in at least 40 States and the District of Columbia.
- Local MS-13 leaders often communicate and take orders from gang leaders in El Salvador.
- President Trump is meeting with law enforcement, local leaders, and victims of MS-13 violence on Long Island, New York.
  - Communities on Long Island have been strongly impacted by the violence and suffering spread by MS-13.
  - Police suspect MS-13 was involved in at least 25 killings on Long Island between 2016 and 2018.
  - MS-13 is the largest and most violent gang on Long Island, with an estimated 2,000 MS-13 members in the area.

**STRONG ACTION AGAINST MS-13:** President Trump's Administration is committed to combating MS-13 on all possible fronts.

- President Trump's Administration is fighting back against MS-13, by taking a wide range of actions against the gang.
  - ICE Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) arrested 796 MS-13 members and associates in fiscal year (FY) 2017, an 83 percent increase from FY 2016.
  - In 2017, the Department of Justice worked with partners in Central America to secure criminal charges against more than 4,000 MS-13 members.
  - U.S. Border Patrol agents arrested 228 illegal aliens affiliated with MS-13 in FY 2017.

**ELIMINATE LOOPHOLES HINDERING EFFORTS TO COMBAT MS-13:** The current immigration system contains loopholes and barriers that hinder efforts to fully confront MS-13.

- Certain loopholes in our immigration system are holding back efforts to fully confront MS-13.
- Transnational gangs, such as MS-13, take advantage of our porous borders and seek to use our current immigration system to their advantage.

- Federal immigration officials are not able to quickly remove alien gang members based on their membership in a gang.
- MS-13 has sought to use the influx of Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC) entering the United States for recruitment.
- According to Congressional testimony by the U.S. Border Patrol Acting Chief in June 2017, MS-13 took advantage of recent large-scale flows of foreign nationals into the United States by hiding among these populations to enter our country.

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**Subject:** President Donald J. Trump is Defending American Values

State Leaders,

Today, White House Press Office released a factsheet on President Donald J. Trump's actions to defend American values. See below for additional information.

## **PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP IS DEFENDING AMERICAN VALUES**

*"Together, we are building a safe, strong, and proud America." – President Donald J. Trump*

**PRESERVING SANCTITY OF LIFE:** President Donald J. Trump's policies are ending taxpayer support of the abortion industry.

- The Trump Administration protected taxpayers by disentangling the Title X family planning program from programs that perform, support, or refer patients for abortions. Regulations proposed this week from the Department of Health and Human Services would:
  - Require clear physical and financial divisions between programs that receive Title X funding and programs that perform or support abortion as family planning.
  - Contain neither the Reagan-era abortion counseling prohibition (a so-called "gag rule"), nor the Clinton-era abortion counseling mandate.
  - Reflect popular consensus: six in ten Americans oppose taxpayer funding of abortions.
- President Trump overturned an Obama-era ban on States defunding abortion providers and issued guidance to ensure that taxpayer dollars do not subsidize abortion coverage in Obamacare exchange plans.
- The President reinstated and expanded the Mexico City Policy and cut the U.S. contribution to the U.N. Population Fund, ensuring our foreign aid will not fund the global abortion industry.
- President Trump is supporting the House-passed Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, which would stop late-term abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy.

**DEFENDING RELIGIOUS LIBERTY:** President Trump is defending and promoting Americans' constitutional rights to religious freedom.

- The President issued conscience regulations protecting healthcare providers such as the Little Sisters of the Poor from having to violate their religious or moral beliefs or shut their doors.
- The President reversed an Obama administration policy to ensure that houses of worship receive the disaster aid to which they are legally entitled.
- The Trump Administration is defending religious liberty in the courts, supporting multiple religious objectors in their efforts to freely exercise their beliefs.
- The President is bringing religious groups back into the fold by ensuring religious groups and their partners are critical participants in the policy making process.

**RESTORING RULE OF LAW:** By appointing rule-of-law judges and enforcing immigration laws, President Trump has reshaped the judiciary and is restoring rule of law.

- President Trump has appointed a record number of Federal judges, who are standing up for our constitutional rights—including appointing Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court.

- President Trump is combatting the scourge of illegal immigration, securing initial funding for a wall on the Southern border, working with immigration officials to target violent illegal aliens already in the country, and combatting “sanctuary cities” nationwide.

**REDUCING THE BURDEN OF GOVERNMENT:** President Trump’s policies have reduced the size of government, and promoted individual liberty, creating space for the economy to grow.

- President Trump has reduced the size of government by working with Congress to pass the largest tax cuts in history; he has also implemented unprecedented regulatory reform.
- The President has ended burdensome Obama-era programs, providing regulatory relief from Obamacare, rescinding Obama’s Clean Power Plan, and leaving the Paris Climate Accords.

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**Subject:** President Donald J. Trump Signs S.J.Res. 57 into Law

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
May 21, 2018

On Monday, May 21, 2018, the President signed into law:

S.J.Res. 57, which nullifies the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection bulletin regulating indirect auto lenders for compliance with the Equal Credit Opportunity Act.

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**Subject:** 8:00 AM ET Call Friday with White House & HHS Officials

State Leader's Staff,

**Tomorrow (Friday May 18) at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Time**, the White House and Health and Human Services staff will be hosting a call on an issue of interest to you and your boss. I apologize for the late notice, but we hope you will join us.

Due to embargo constraints, we ask that you refrain from sharing the fact that this call is taking place tomorrow and/or forwarding the invitation.

The call in number is:  
Participant passcode is:

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**Subject:** President Donald J. Trump Keeps His Promise to Open U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem, Israel

State Leaders and Staff,

Today, President Donald J. Trump kept his promise to open the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem, Israel. Below you will find:

- **FACTSHEET** | President Donald J. Trump Keeps His Promise to Open U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem, Israel
- **ICYMI** | Trump Administration Readying Israeli-Palestinian Peace Plan



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**FACTSHEET | PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP KEEPS HIS PROMISE TO OPEN U.S. EMBASSY IN JERUSALEM, ISRAEL**  
*"Today, we finally acknowledge the obvious: that Jerusalem is Israel's capital." – President Donald J. Trump*

**FULFILLING A PROMISE:** President Trump kept his promise by recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital and opening the U.S. Embassy there.

- On December 6, 2017, President Trump kept his promise, announcing that the United States would begin recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and officially open its Embassy there.
  - Congress urged the President to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel with the bipartisan 1995 Jerusalem Embassy Act – a call unanimously reaffirmed by the Senate in 2017.

- After decades of past Presidents committing to move the Embassy to Jerusalem on the campaign trail, only to renege on those promises while in office, the President has fulfilled his promise to support one of America's strongest allies.
- More than two decades of waivers delaying the Embassy move brought us no closer to a lasting peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians.
- The President made clear that old challenges demand new approaches, and that he will keep his word to the American people.
- On May 14, 2018, the United States will officially open its Embassy in Jerusalem, Israel, 70 years to the day that President Truman recognized Israel as an independent country, making the United States the first nation to do so.
- President Trump has recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel to advance peace between Israelis and Palestinians.
- Announcing Jerusalem as Israel's capital is simply a recognition of reality.
  - Israel is a sovereign nation and, like every other sovereign nation, has the right to choose its own capital. Yet for 70 years we neglected to extend this basic courtesy to Israel that we extend to other countries.
  - Jerusalem is the seat of the modern Israeli government. It is the home of the Israeli Parliament and the Israeli Supreme Court. It is the location of the official residence of the Prime Minister and President, as well as the headquarters of many government ministries.

**STRIVING FOR PEACE: The Trump Administration continues to work to achieve a comprehensive peace agreement between the Israelis and the Palestinians.**

- The Trump Administration remains committed to achieving a lasting and comprehensive peace agreement.
- Recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital is a necessary condition for peace between Israelis and Palestinians.
- President Trump has been clear that his recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel does not mean the United States has taken a position on final status negotiations.
  - The Trump Administration believes that such decisions should be worked between Israelis and Palestinians.
  - The Trump Administration supports the status quo at Jerusalem's holy sites.

**FULFILLING PROMISES QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY: After announcing the United States' recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, President Trump has quickly and efficiently opened an embassy in Israel at a low cost to taxpayers.**

- President Trump opened the Embassy in Jerusalem in just six months, compared to the seven to ten years expected to build an entirely new and secure permanent embassy.
  - Initial modifications allowing the Embassy to open on May 14, 2018, cost just \$400,000.
- United States diplomatic staff in Israel has worked around the clock to ensure the Embassy is ready to open by May 14, 2018.
- The Trump Administration has begun updating all Federal Government maps to reflect Jerusalem's status as Israel's capital under American policy.
- To celebrate the opening of the United States' new Embassy in Jerusalem, the Trump Administration sent a high-level delegation led by Deputy Secretary of State John Sullivan and including Secretary of the Treasury Steven Mnuchin, Senior Advisor Jared Kushner, Senior Advisor Ivanka Trump, and Special Representative for International Negotiations Jason Greenblatt.

**ICYMI | Trump Administration Readying Israeli-Palestinian Peace Plan**

**Trump Administration Readying Israeli-Palestinian Peace Plan**

The Washington Free Beacon

Adam Kredo

May 13, 2018

The United States is in the "late phases" of finalizing its Israeli-Palestinian peace plan that will be presented to both parties for consideration, according to a senior White House official, who discussed progress on the matter ahead of a massive celebration in Israel to open the new U.S. embassy in Jerusalem.

Festivities surrounding the opening of the new U.S. embassy building in Jerusalem kicked off in "grand fashion" over the weekend and will spill into Monday afternoon when U.S., Israeli, and international diplomats gather to formally open the new embassy building, according to senior administration officials.

The U.S. presidential delegation touched down in Israel Sunday afternoon and quickly entered into a series of celebrations and bilateral meetings with Israeli officials. At a dinner organized by the Friends of Zion Museum, U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman and senior presidential adviser Jared Kushner, also the president's son-in-law, were presented awards for their efforts to spearhead the embassy move.

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As the United States takes a historic step towards recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capitol, a point vehemently protested by Palestinian leaders, the senior administration official told the Free Beacon that this new reality is not being viewed as an impediment to peace.

The United States is in the "late phase," in fact, of finalizing its peace plan that will be presented to both sides in the coming months.

The plan has been in the works for at least the past year, according to Trump administration officials, and will be presented "when the time is right."

"We've been working hard and want to give the plan the best chance for success," a senior administration official told the Free Beacon. "We want to get a lasting deal that is livable for both parties."

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The embassy opening "makes clear what our position is and our priorities and a recognition of reality," the senior White House official said. "It is our hope that recognition for the Palestinians that Israel isn't going away is going to be clarifying for them."

This does not mean the United States is taking a firm position on negotiating terms known as final-status, which accounts for the borders of various territories that would be agreed upon by the Israelis and Palestinians.

It "doesn't mean we're wandering with maps drawing other things," the official said. "We are moving into a new phase and they [the Palestinians] have a big opportunity with this new president, who's quite supportive of them."

The Trump administration is also pushing other allies to relocate their embassies, a policy that is being met with good reception despite media reports indicating otherwise, multiple sources confirmed.

Those attending the embassy opening represent a broad swath of Democrats and Republicans, according to the Trump administration.

It's a very bipartisan crowd and "not just a bunch of Republicans," the administration official confirmed.

Former Sen. Joe Lieberman and Obama-era ambassador to Israel Daniel Shapiro are both in attendance, as well as many other Democrats.

It "really speaks to how this is a bipartisan consensus across the government" supporting the embassy move to Jerusalem. "This is something that Congress proposed more than 20 years ago and there's a strong sense this is the will of the American people and the Israeli people," the official said.

The embassy move also has bolstered the alliance between the United States and Israel, which is focusing in the short term on aiding Israel's defense forces amid growing and ongoing threats by terrorist proxy groups backed by Iran.

"The threats aren't going to go away. This alliance is moving into a new phase of cooperation," which will see the United States "mindful of the threats to Israel's northern border" by Hezbollah, an Iranian-backed terror group.

Hamas-led protestors also have been fomenting clashes along Israel's border with the Gaza Strip, a matter the United States is deferring to Israeli security authorities on.

As to the security situation, "it really doesn't feel any different than being in Jerusalem any other time," the administration official told the Free Beacon. "Anytime there's a high profile event and delegation like this it pays to be concerned and keep an eye on things. I think tomorrow will be continued very strong coordinated security between the U.S. and Israel and we're hoping all that hard work pays off. This should not be a cause for violence, there should be a cause for celebration."

One source who routinely advises the White House on Middle East issues told the Free Beacon that objections to the embassy move by some European countries have fallen flat, only reinforcing the the widespread international support for the move.

"When the president announced he was moving the embassy the swamp said he was making a huge mistake and there would be endless global violence and American isolation," the source said, referring to efforts by former Obama administration officials and liberal talking heads to oppose the move in the press. "Instead the European Union can't even mount a symbolic condemnation because there are too many countries looking to follow our leadership."

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**Read: [the full article by The Washington Free Beacon](#)**

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State Leaders,

Today, President Donald J. Trump released his blueprint to put American patients first and lower drug prices. Drug prices are being driven up unfairly, taking a toll on the American people.

**State Impact – Blueprint to Lower Drug Prices**

Specifically for states and Medicaid programs, the President's blueprint seeks feedback about potential actions, including:

- Ending Obamacare's Medicaid rebate cap, which encourages higher drug prices.
- Including drug maker copay discount cards in Medicaid best price calculations.
- Changes to the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program rules to remove barriers to innovation and competition.

Additionally, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will avoid excessive pricing by relying more on value-based pricing by expanding outcome-based payments in Medicaid. Below and attached you will find additional Information.

# American Patients First

The Trump Administration Blueprint to Lower Drug Prices  
and Reduce Out-of-Pocket Costs

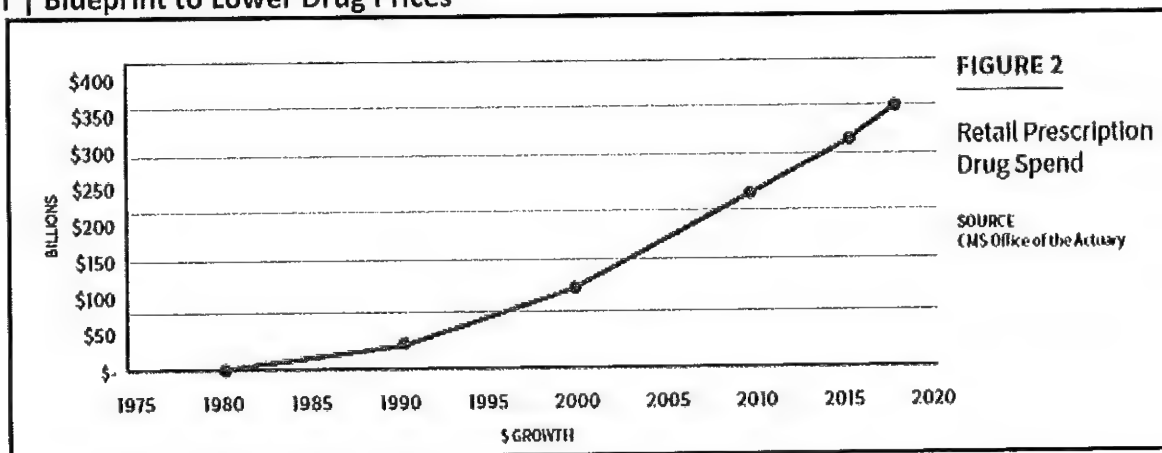
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  - *A Burden on the American People:* Drug prices are being driven up unfairly, taking a toll on the American people
  - *Taking Action to Put American Patients First:* President Donald J. Trump's blueprint includes new actions and proposals to drive down drug prices for all Americans.
  - *Budget Proposals to Lower Drug Prices:* The President's blueprint includes proposals from his budget which would increase competition and reform Federal programs.

- *Building on Administration Efforts*: The blueprint will build upon actions President Trump's Administration has already taken to increase competition and curb high drug prices.
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*“One of my greatest priorities  
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PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP

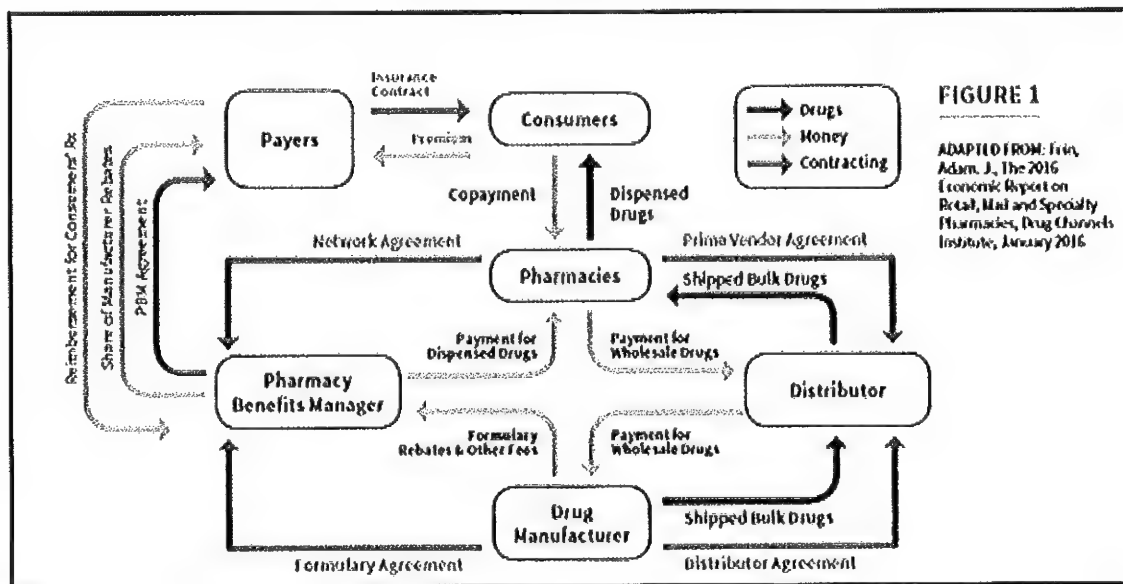
## FACTSHEET | Blueprint to Lower Drug Prices



### A BURDEN ON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE: Drug prices are being driven up unfairly, taking a toll on the American people.

- Excessively high drug prices, foreign freeloading, and a system rigged to reward list price increases, are burdening the American people.
  - According to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the United States had the highest per-capita pharmaceutical spending in 2015.
- Senior citizens pay more in Medicare Part B and Part D because government rules prevent health plans and vendors from negotiating the better deals seen in other markets.
- Some hospitals that receive drug discounts under the 340B program, designed to help safety net facilities, do not provide meaningful levels of charity care to low-income and vulnerable patients, ultimately pushing up drug prices for patients with private health insurance.

- Lower-cost drugs are kept out of the market by drug companies gaming regulatory processes and the patent system in order to unfairly maintain monopolies.
- Lack of transparency in drug pricing benefits special interests and prevents patients from being able to make fully informed decisions about their care.
- Other countries use socialized healthcare to command unfairly low prices from U.S. drug makers. This places the burden of financing drug development largely on American patients and taxpayers, subsidizes foreign consumers, and reduces innovation and the development of new treatments.
  - The United States pays more than 70 percent of branded drug profits among OECD countries.



**TAKING ACTION TO PUT AMERICAN PATIENTS FIRST:** President Donald J. Trump's blueprint includes new actions and proposals to drive down drug prices for all Americans.

- President Trump's blueprint will seek to encourage innovation, while also promoting better price competition and addressing foreign freeloading.
- The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will:
  - Take steps to end the gaming of regulatory and patent processes by drug makers to unfairly protect monopolies.
  - Advance biosimilars and generics to boost price competition.
  - Evaluate the inclusion of prices in drug makers' ads to enhance price competition.
  - Streamline and accelerate the approval process for over-the-counter drugs.
  - Speed access to and lower the cost of new drugs by clarifying policies for sharing information between insurers and drug makers.
  - Avoid excessive pricing by relying more on value-based pricing by expanding outcome-based payments in Medicare and Medicaid.
  - Work to give Part D plan sponsors more negotiation power with drug makers.
  - Examine which Medicare Part B drugs could be negotiated for a lower price by Part D plans, and improving the design of the Part B Competitive Acquisition Program.
  - Update Medicare's drug-pricing dashboard to increase transparency.
  - Prohibit Part D contracts that include "gag rules" that prevent pharmacists from informing patients when they could pay less out-of-pocket by not using insurance. Require Part D plan members be provided with an annual statement of plan payments, out-of-pocket spending, and drug price increases.
  - Work across the Administration to address intellectual property theft and foreign freeloading.
- The President's blueprint also seeks feedback about other potential actions, including:
  - Reserving certain Part D incentives only for drug makers that stop raising prices.
  - Ending Obamacare's Medicaid rebate cap, which encourages higher drug prices.
  - Including drug maker copay discount cards in Medicaid best price calculations.

- Changes to the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program rules to remove barriers to innovation and competition.
- Reducing incentives to deliver Medicare Part B drugs in the most expensive setting.
- Requiring Pharmacy Benefit Managers act in the best interests of patients.
- Paying for value in Medicare to spur development of drugs that cure illnesses rather than simply manage symptoms.
- Requiring beneficiaries be told what their out-of-pocket cost will be prior to receiving a Part B drug or a Part D drug prescription, and whether lower-cost alternatives exist.
- Requiring “safety net” hospitals paid under Medicare Part B to use their 340B drug discounts to provide care to more low-income and vulnerable patients.
- The U.S. Trade Representative will prioritize addressing unfair intellectual property and market access policies in our trade agreements, so that partners contribute their fair share to innovation.
- The Administration will publish a comparison of drug prices in the U.S. with those in other OECD countries, to examine freeloading.

**BUDGET PROPOSALS TO LOWER DRUG PRICES:** The President’s blueprint includes proposals from his budget which would increase competition and reform Federal programs.

- President Trump has proposed reforms to the Medicare Part D program, including:
  - Allowing greater flexibility in benefit design to encourage better price negotiation.
  - Offering free generics to low-income seniors.
  - Requiring plans to share a minimum portion of drug rebates with patients.
  - Discouraging plans from accelerating beneficiaries into the catastrophic phase of the benefit with costly brand name drugs.
  - Protecting seniors from catastrophic costs through a new out-of-pocket maximum, while ensuring plans are incentivized to limit excessive costs.
- Medicare Part B reforms proposed by the President would limit payment for price increases that are above the inflation rate and cut incentives for doctors to write high-price prescriptions.
- Reforms would ensure hospitals paid under Medicare Part B that provide more than one percent of their patient costs in charity care could retain a discount under the 340B program.
- The President has proposed actions to maximize competition and innovation, including curbing abuse of FDA safety rules and the 180-day “first-to-file” exclusivity clock.

**BUILDING ON ADMINISTRATION EFFORTS:** The blueprint will build upon actions President Trump’s Administration has already taken to increase competition and curb high drug prices.

- FDA’s 2017 generic drug approvals contributed to prescription drug buyers saving \$8.8 billion.
  - These dramatic savings were driven in part because FDA set multiple approval records in 2017, including the most generic drugs approved in a year.
  - FDA launched a new program to educate doctors about biosimilars.
  - FDA issued new guidance to facilitate navigation of the generic drug approval process.
- A recently finalized change to Medicare will save seniors an estimated \$320 million in 2018 by reforming 340B drug payments.

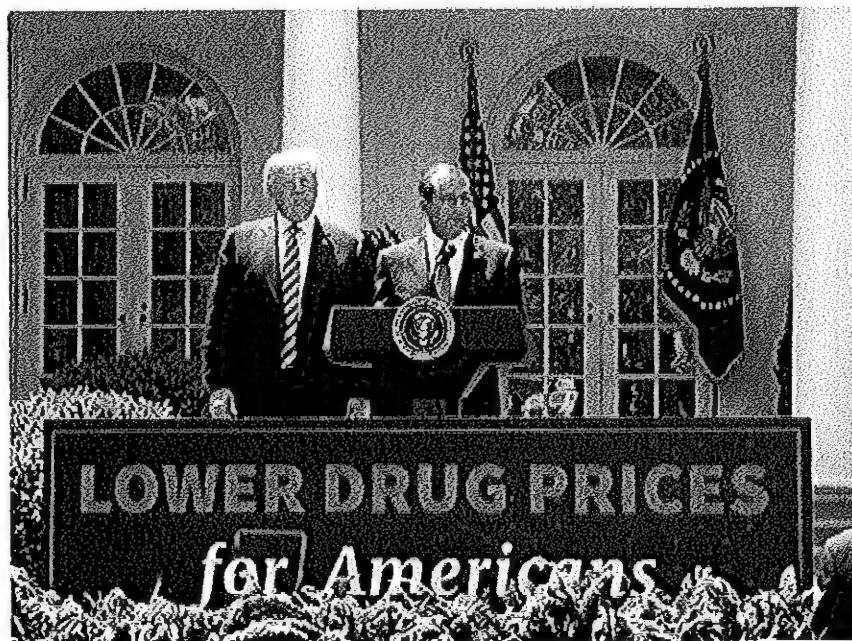
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**ICYMI | HHS Secretary, FDA Commissioner, CMS Administrator: Help is on the way for Americans facing high drug prices**

Fox News

HHS Secretary Alex Azar, FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb, & CMS Administrator Seema Verma

We live in a golden era of American prosperity and medical innovation, with amazing new medicines and technologies improving and extending our lives. Yet Americans all across our country face, or will face at some point, the burden of paying high prices for prescription medications.

This burden has become a threat to the financial security of far too many of our seniors, neighbors and communities. For someone in desperate need of a cure, there is little difference between one that has not been discovered and one that cannot be afforded.

Americans should be able to reap the rewards of living in the country that has brought the world more new drugs than any other. President Trump recognizes that the current situation is unacceptable, and has made fixing high drug prices a top priority for his administration.

We at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) are taking on this challenge, focused on four major problems in drug markets.

First, drug manufacturers have rapidly increased the list prices of drugs over the last couple of decades, sometimes even doubling or tripling prices. Second, government programs and private payers do not always have all the tools they need to negotiate more reasonable prices. Third, many Americans, especially our seniors, face high out-of-pocket costs for the drugs they need, because out-of-pocket costs are typically calculated based on drugs' sky-high list prices.

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Finally, foreign countries and their government-run health-care systems bully our drug manufacturers into unrealistically low prices, allowing other countries to freeload off of American innovation.

On top of all this, a new generation of high-cost drugs is now coming onto the market. They offer new advances for our health, but prices are reaching into the six figures. Government insurance programs have often been unable to secure discounts from manufacturers, meaning huge out-of-pocket costs for some seniors.

These burdens are real and pressing, and we at HHS have already been taking action to address them.

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The FDA recently unveiled a Drug Competition Action Plan that makes the approval process for generic drugs more efficient, encouraging lower prices through robust competition. Under President Trump, in 2017 the FDA approved more than 1,000 new generic drugs – a record number and 200 more than had ever before been approved in a single year.

Generic drug approvals save American consumers billions of dollars each year. The FDA will continue to work to ensure that safe and effective generic drugs are approved expeditiously and not hamstrung by unfair practices that brand-name drug manufacturers sometimes use to thwart competition.

Last year, CMS made a change to improve Medicare that will save seniors an estimated \$320 million on out-of-pocket drug spending in 2018 alone. CMS also updated a policy to expedite the substitution of generic drugs in Medicare Part D plans, giving seniors low-cost options more quickly than before.

President Trump's 2019 budget proposed a five-part plan to modernize Medicare Part D and lower costs for seniors. This plan includes free generic drugs for low-income seniors and a cap on seniors' out-of-pocket expenses for the first time.

But with American patients in need and the status quo unsustainable, President Trump has told us to go much, much further.

In response, HHS has been formulating the most ambitious reform of drug pricing in the history of our country. Our blueprint for reform, which will be unveiled this week, will use four major strategies to address the problems we face.

First, HHS aims to increase competition in drug markets. Second, we are going to give Medicare Part D plans better tools to negotiate discounts on behalf of our seniors – tools that private-sector health plans often already use. Third, we will develop new incentives for drug manufacturers to lower list prices. Fourth, we develop options to lower patients' out-of-pocket spending.

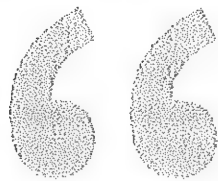
We are living through the most innovative era in the history of medicine. Our free-market system has produced cures and treatments that seemed impossible a short while ago. But securing the benefits of 21st century medicine demands major changes to how our country pays for prescription drugs. President Trump has seen to it that we are not just going to talk about this problem – we are going to fix it, and soon.

So the President and his administration have one message for Americans burdened by our current system: Help is on the way.

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Read: [the full Op-Ed in Fox News](#)

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One of my greatest priorities is to reduce the price of prescription drugs. In many other countries, these drugs cost far less than what we pay in the United States. That is why I have directed my Administration to make fixing the injustice of high drug prices one of our top priorities. Prices **will** come down.”

— PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP

#### **DRUG PRICING | What The White House Is Saying**

- Q&A with HHS Secretary Alex Azar on [Fox & Friends](#), [CNBC](#) and [Bloomberg Daybreak](#)

#### **Putting American Patients First:**

- Today, the President will be rolling out the single most comprehensive approach to make prescription drugs affordable.

#### **There are Four Major Strategies:**

- **Increased Competition in Drug Markets**
  - We’re going to go after any type of gaming in our patent system, any anti-competitive behavior. We are going to ensure drug companies are not preventing access for new generics coming on the market.
  - There’s a deal in our statute that says a drug company gets an exclusive right to practice a molecule and a patent up to a certain date. At that point, it ought to be out the door, full competition. Stop the gamesmanship version.
- **Give Medicare Part D Plans Better Tools to Negotiate Discounts**
  - We want to free up our government programs to be able to negotiate the same kind of good deals that are in the commercial marketplace.
- **Incentives for Lower List Prices**
  - Every incentive is for higher list prices, increasing list prices.
  - Everybody benefits in this system, except for the patient and taxpayer.
  - We’re rolling out creative ideas on how we can reverse those financial incentives.
- **Lower Patients Out of Pocket Spending**
  - The President has already outlined in his budget for changes to the prescription drug program in Medicare that would allow senior citizens who hit their catastrophic period to pay nothing out of pocket.
  - We’re going to go after some practices that really impair senior citizen’s ability to get the best deal when they walk into the pharmacy for their drugs.

#### Desired Outcome

- We would like to get to the point where, like, walking into a Starbucks, where you look up at the board and see the price of your prescription.
- It's not going to be tomorrow, but the day is going to come when a doctor will be able to tell you what you'll pay out of pocket on your insurance plan for the drug, information on the drug and all of its competitors so you can decide on the merits.

#### Regarding foreign competition

- In our trade negotiations and agreements we need to pressure them to pay more for our drugs – end the practice that other governments get a discount with America effectively underwriting the innovation of new drugs.



“The problem of high prescription drug costs is something that’s been talked about in Washington for a long time. But that’s all it’s been: talk, talk, talk. We are privileged to have a president finally taking action, by laying out a blueprint for solving these problems using private-sector competition and private sector negotiation.”

Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar

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Please let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to engaging with state leaders on the President’s blueprint to put American patients first and lower drug prices.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
May 9, 2018

**Statement from the Press Secretary on the Release of Three Americans**

At the direction of President Donald J. Trump, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and other representatives of the United States government traveled to Pyongyang, North Korea on May 9 to prepare for the President's upcoming meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. During Secretary Pompeo's visit, the North Korean leadership released three American detainees. President Trump appreciates leader Kim Jong Un's action to release these American citizens, and views this as a positive gesture of goodwill. The three Americans appear to be in good condition and were all able to walk on the plane without assistance. All Americans look forward to welcoming them home and to seeing them reunited with their loved ones.

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State Leaders,

Today, First Lady Melania Trump today announced BE BEST, an awareness campaign focusing on some of the major issues facing children today. The goal is to encourage children to BE BEST in their individual paths in life, and teach them about the importance of social, emotional, and physical health. While children navigate many challenges in their daily lives, BE BEST will include three main pillars to include well-being, social media use, and opioid abuse. A video about BE BEST can be found [here](#).



*"It remains our generation's moral imperative to take responsibility and help our children manage the many issues they are facing today, including encouraging positive social, emotional, and physical habits. By acknowledging there are many important issues, and knowing these problems cannot be solved overnight, I believe we can change the way we think and talk about issues facing children today."*

*- First Lady Melania Trump*

**BE BEST** will combat the issues facing children today by championing the many successful well-being programs that teach children tools and skills for emotional, social, and physical well-being. The campaign will also work to promote the people, organizations, and programs that are helping children overcome the issues they face growing up. While children navigate many challenges in their daily lives, **BE BEST** will include three main pillars to include well-being, social media use, and opioid abuse.

### **WELL-BEING**

By promoting values such as healthy living, encouragement, kindness, and respect, parents, teachers, and other adults can help prepare children for their futures. With those values as a solid foundation, children will be able to better deal with the evils of the opioid crisis and avoid negative social media interaction.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Today's ever-connected children need our support to find happiness and to prepare themselves for adulthood. A study by the *Clinical Psychological Science* shows that after 2010, children who spent more time on new media were more likely to report mental health issues than those who spent time on non-screen activities. **BE BEST** will highlight the importance of using social media and the internet in positive ways.

### **OPIOID ABUSE**

Opioid dependence, addiction, and abuse are an epidemic in this country. **BE BEST** will support the families and children affected by this crisis, bring attention to neonatal abstinence syndrome, and help educate parents on the importance of healthy pregnancies.

You can find more information at [BeBest.gov](http://BeBest.gov).

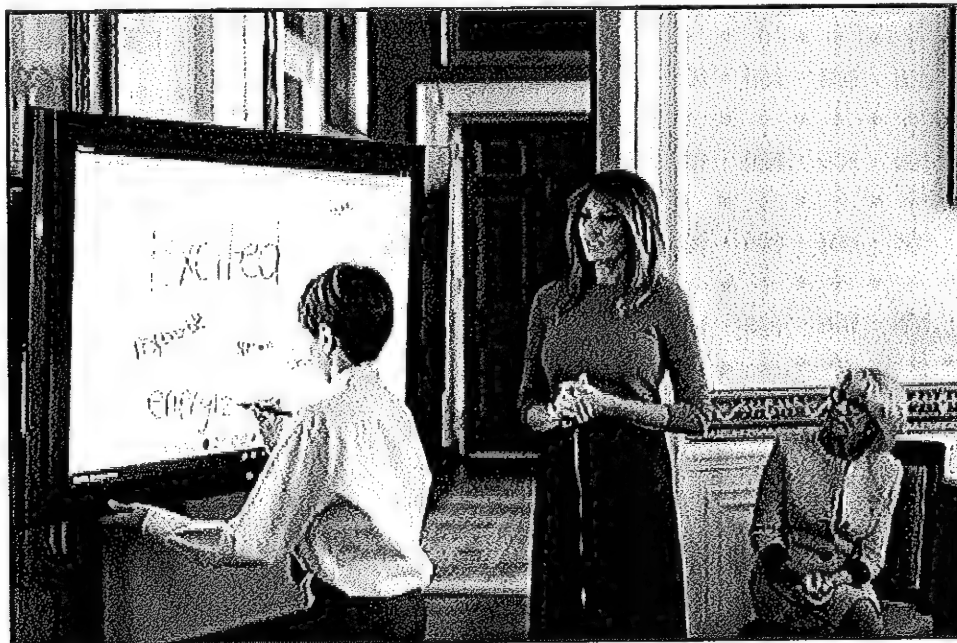


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## **ICYMI | Illegal immigration surges 230 percent in April on southwest border**

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### **Illegal immigration surges 230 percent in April on southwest border**

The Washington Times  
Stephen Dinan  
May 4, 2018

Illegal immigration along U.S.-Mexico border surged 230 percent in April compared to last year, according to new numbers released Thursday that experts said expose major loopholes in American immigration law.

Chief among the loopholes is the de facto "catch-and-release" policy that sees most illegal immigrants caught at the border quickly put back out on the streets, with the hope that they'll return to be deported later.

Perhaps 75 percent of all migrants caught by Border Patrol agents are given catch and release, said Brandon Judd, president of the National Border Patrol Council, which represents line agents. Knowing they'll be released rather than quickly deported has served as an enticement for more illegal immigrants to make the journey, he said.

"The reason is obvious: If you can cross the border illegally without any consequence, why not? As long as the catch-and-release policy-program exists, large numbers of people are going to cross the border illegally," said Brandon Judd, president of the National Border Patrol Council.

April's numbers continue a months-long trend of worsening illegal immigration.

The Border Patrol says it nabbed 38,234 illegal immigrants during the month, while Customs and Border Protection Officers encountered 12,690 more people who tried to come through the official ports of entry without permission.

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It's also a huge turnaround from last year at this time, when the new president's get-tough rhetoric sparked a massive drop. In April 2017, Border Patrol agents nabbed just 11,129 people, and CBP officers encountered 4,646 others.

Mr. Trump has repeatedly bragged about those early figures, and Democrats have also seized on them, saying the border situation was essentially solved.

The latest numbers suggest that's far from the case, however, with totals now back to where they were during the Obama era.

"In 2017 and due to the rhetoric we had fewer apprehensions than any year in the past 45 years. It was simply because people believed that if they crossed the border illegally they would be held until their deportation hearing," Mr. Judd said.

But, he added, that didn't end up happening. "Smugglers quickly realized everything was status quo, and they're once again recruiting people to enter our country illegally," he said.

Illegal immigrant children traveling alone, and families traveling together, are a particular target for the smugglers, who assure the migrants they can win a foothold in the U.S. Officials say it's so bad that some illegal immigrants have taken to kidnapping or "borrowing" children en route to the U.S. so they can pose as a family and get more lenient treatment.

More than a third of those caught by Border Patrol agents in April were Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC) or families, while for CBP officers the rate has soared to more than 50 percent.

Children and families are two groups that particularly benefit from catch-and-release, thanks to court rulings that have set strict limits on how long children can be held in detention. Releasing them virtually guarantees they don't show up for their deportations, security experts say.

Still other rank-and-file illegal immigrants are also processed and released if there's not enough detention space in the system to hold them.

Mr. Judd said that leads to the 75 percent catch-and-release figure. Given the more than 38,000 migrants agents apprehended last month, that would mean more than 28,500 of them are likely to be quickly released.

Administration officials have acknowledged the problems. They say they've ended "administrative catch and release," which means they no longer have an official policy calling for some classes of illegal immigrants to be released automatically.

But they said a lack of detention bed space and demands set by federal courts still force catch-and-release for many illegal immigrants.

For example, in the case of a mother and child caught at the border, a court order generally limits Homeland Security to 20 days' detention. That's usually too short a time to complete their deportation case, so they are released with the hope they return for their deportation hearings later. That hope is often frustrated.

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Mr. Trump, asked about the caravan and border security in a press conference earlier this week, said Congress needs to step up and fix the matter.

"We need a change in the law. Catch and release is ridiculous. If they touch our property, if they touch our country, essentially, you catch them and you release them into our country. That's not acceptable to anybody," he said.

Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen echoed that call in testimony to Congress last week, where she pleaded for Congress to write laws giving her department the ability to hold people.

"If you have an alarm in your home and you catch a burglar and you call the police and the police come, and in fact it is an illegal entry into your home. But the police then tell you that they have absolutely no ability to detain or remove those criminals and the criminals stay in your house, you would not tell me that is home security. That is what we face at the border," she said.

"We stop people, we interdict them, but we do not have the authority given the loopholes in many cases to detain and remove them. We are forced to release them back into the communities after they have committed crimes," she said.

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The number of illegal immigrants caught attempting to jump the border is considered a rough yardstick for the overall flow of illegal immigration across the border.

Mr. Judd said it's impossible to know exactly how many people evade detection, but agents figure they are between 50 percent and 60 percent effective.

"If that is the case, and being an agent myself, I can say it is, then the numbers become staggering," he said.

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State Leaders,

Today, President Donald J. Trump spoke at the National Day of Prayer and signed an Executive Order on the Establishment of a White House Faith and Opportunity Initiative. Below and attached you will find additional information.

- **Factsheet** – President Donald J. Trump Stands Up For Religious Freedom In The United States
- **Executive Order** – On the Establishment of a White House Faith and Opportunity Initiative
- **Remarks** – President Donald J. Trump Remarks at the National Day of Prayer
- **Remarks** – Vice President Mike Pence Remarks at the National Day of Prayer

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## HIGHLIGHTS | Remarks by President Trump at the National Day of Prayer

*"We are proud of our religious heritage. And as President, I will always protect religious liberty."*  
– President Donald J. Trump



### President Donald J. Trump | Key Quotes

- "Faith has shaped our families, and it's shaped our communities. It's inspired our commitment to charity and our defense of liberty. And faith has forged the identity and the destiny of this great nation that we all love."
- "Across the government, we have taken action to defend the religious conscience of doctors, nurses, teachers, students, and groups like the Little Sisters of the Poor."
- "My administration has spoken out against religious persecution around the world, including the persecution of many, many Christians. What's going on is horrible. And we're taking action."

- “We condemn all crimes against people of faith, and today we are launching another historic action to promote religious freedom. I will soon be signing an executive order to create a faith initiative at the White House.”
  - “The faith initiative will help design new policies that recognize the vital role of faith in our families, our communities, and our great country.”
  - “This office will also help ensure that faith-based organizations have equal access to government funding and the equal right to exercise their deeply held beliefs.”
  - “We take this step because we know that, in solving the many, many problems and our great challenges, faith is more powerful than government, and nothing is more powerful than God.”
- “Our country was founded on prayer. Our communities are sustained by prayer. And our nation will be renewed by hard work, a lot of intelligence, and prayer.”

**Read the Facts:** [President Trump Stands Up For Religious Freedom In The United States](#)

**Watch:** [President Trump Attends the National Day of Prayer](#)

Thanks,  
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**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 12:59 PM  
**Subject:** Reducing Barriers That Are Holding Back American Manufacturers  
**Attachments:** Presidential Memorandum for the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.pdf; President Donald J. Trump Is Reducing Barriers That Are Holding Back American Manufacturers.pdf

State Attorneys General Staff,

Today, President Donald J. Trump took action to reduce barriers that are holding back American manufacturers. Attached will you find the full Presidential Memorandum along with a factsheet.

- **Presidential Memorandum** for the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (attached)
- **Factsheet** (attached) – President Donald J. Trump Is Reducing Barriers That Are Holding Back American Manufacturers

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 05, 2018 10:47 AM  
**Cc:** Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** RE: Action To Secure The Border And Make America Safe Again

State Leaders,

Below is the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Statement from the Press Secretary on March Border Numbers.

WASHINGTON – Today, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Press Secretary Tyler Q. Houlton released the following statement on U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) March Southwest Border Migration numbers:

"The crisis at our Southwest border is real. The number of illegal border crossings during the month of March shows an urgent need to address the ongoing situation at the border. We saw a 203 percent increase from March 2017 compared to March 2018 and a 37 percent increase from last month to this month – the largest increase from month to month since 2011. Illegal aliens continue to exploit our immigration laws. We need to close these dangerous loopholes that are being taken advantage of each and every day, gain operational control of the border, and fully fund the border wall system. As the President has repeatedly said, all options are on the table."

The numbers can be found [HERE](#).

Thanks,  
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**From:** Pottebaum, Nicholas D. EOP/WHO  
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**Cc:** Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO <Douglas.L.Hoelscher@who.eop.gov>  
**Subject:** Action To Secure The Border And Make America Safe Again

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- **What You Need to Know** (below and attached) – The President's Authorization For The National Guard To Deploy To The Southern Border
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## **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S AUTHORIZATION FOR THE NATIONAL GUARD TO DEPLOY TO THE SOUTHERN BORDER**

**WHAT:** President Donald J. Trump is authorizing the deployment of the National Guard to support the Border Patrol in its mission to protect our country and stop the stream of illegal immigration.

To give our Border Patrol agents the support they deserve, President Trump is authorizing the deployment of National Guard units to the southern border to aid their mission.

America's Border Patrol agents work incredibly hard to do their jobs of enforcing our Nation's immigration laws and protecting our national security. These law enforcement personnel are tasked with securing thousands of miles of border, however, and often do not have the manpower or resources necessary to stem the tide of illegal immigration into the United States.

Given the importance of secure borders to our national security, the National Guard, in coordination with governors, will remain in a support role until Congress takes the action necessary to close the loopholes undermining our border security efforts, including ending the practice of Catch and Release.

This is not the first time in recent history that the National Guard has been deployed to the southern border. In 2012, President Barack Obama authorized the deployment of guardsmen to the border. President George W. Bush also authorized deployment of 6,000 guardsmen to the border as a part of Operation Jump Start, assisting in operations which resulted in the arrest of more than 173,000 illegal aliens, the rescue of 100 persons, and the seizure of more than 300,000 pounds of drugs.

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More than a thousand people a day and more than 300,000 a year violate our sovereignty by illegally crossing the border. With our current laws and resources, we cannot stop illegal aliens from crossing the border or remove all of the illegal aliens we catch. Of the over 75,000 family units apprehended in FY 2017, only 2,605 were removed.

Stonewalling by Members of Congress, however, has prevented our dedicated Border Patrol agents from getting the resources they so desperately need. Inaction has left glaring loopholes open and crucial legal authorities unauthorized, so the President is taking action and using his existing powers to fill these gaps.

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**Cc:** Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** Action To Secure The Border And Make America Safe Again  
**Attachments:** What You Need To Know About The President's Authorization For The National Guard To Deploy To The Southern Border.pdf; To Secure the Border and Make America Safe Again, We Need to Deploy the National Guard .pdf; DHS Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen - Transcript - 04-04-2018.pdf

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018 6:35 AM  
**To:** Pottebaum, Nicholas D. EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** CENSUS | Top-Line Talking Points

State Attorneys General Staff,

Below you will find information on the U.S. Department of Commerce announcement that a question on citizenship status will be reinstated to the 2020 decennial census questionnaire to help enforce the Voting Rights Act (VRA).

Thanks,  
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## **CENSUS | TOP LINE TALKING POINTS**

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### **TOP - LINE TALKING POINTS:**

- The Administration is committed to the fulfillment of its duty under the Constitution to conduct a complete and accurate decennial census.
- Reinstating a citizenship question on the decennial census will provide more complete and accurate citizen voting age population data which is needed to enforce important voting rights.
- Fears that citizenship data collected by the census could be used for any purpose other than statistical analysis are unfounded – all census responses are protected by law and may not be used for any other purpose. Any person improperly using the information is subject to fines and up to five years in prison.
- The Census Bureau estimates that any increase in non-response follow up costs will be covered by previously budgeted contingency funds, which are laid out in the revised Lifecycle Cost Estimate submitted to Congress last fall.
- Census is already planning the largest marketing and outreach effort ever undertaken to ensure a complete and accurate count in 2020.
- See below the press release issued by the Commerce Department Monday evening:

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### **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCES REINSTATEMENT OF CITIZENSHIP QUESTION TO THE 2020 DECENNIAL CENSUS**

WASHINGTON – Today, the U.S. Department of Commerce announced that a question on citizenship status will be reinstated to the 2020 decennial census questionnaire to help enforce the Voting Rights Act (VRA). Secretary Ross's decision follows a request by the Department of Justice (DOJ) to add a question on citizenship status to the 2020 decennial census.

Please click [HERE](#) to view the memorandum directing the Census Bureau to reinstate a question on citizenship to the 2020 decennial census.

The citizenship question will be the same as the one that is asked on the yearly American Community Survey (ACS). Citizenship questions have also been included on prior decennial censuses. Between 1820 and 1950, almost every decennial census asked a question on citizenship in some form. Today, surveys of sample populations, such as the Current Population Survey and the ACS, continue to ask a question on citizenship.

On December 12, 2017, DOJ requested that the Census Bureau reinstate a citizenship question on the decennial census to provide census block level citizenship voting age population (CVAP) data that is not currently available from government surveys. DOJ and the courts use CVAP data for the enforcement of Section 2 of the VRA, which protects minority voting rights.

Having citizenship data at the census block level will permit more effective enforcement of the VRA, and Secretary Ross determined that obtaining complete and accurate information to meet this legitimate government purpose outweighed the limited potential adverse impacts.

Congress delegated to the Secretary of Commerce the authority to determine questions to be asked on the decennial census. The Census Act requires the list of decennial census questions be submitted to Congress no later than March 31, 2018.

Following receipt of the DOJ request, the Department of Commerce immediately initiated a comprehensive review process led by the Census Bureau, prioritizing the goal of obtaining *complete and accurate data*.

After a thorough review of the legal, program, and policy considerations, as well as numerous discussions with Census Bureau leadership, Members of Congress, and interested stakeholders, Secretary Ross has determined that reinstatement of a citizenship question on the 2020 decennial census questionnaire is necessary to provide complete and accurate census block level data.

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#### **CENSUS BUREAU HOLDING STATEMENT:**

Today, the U.S. Department of Commerce announced that a question on citizenship status will be added to the 2020 decennial census questionnaire to help enforce the Voting Rights Act. The Department of Commerce is focused on delivering the 2020 decennial questions to Congress by March 31 as is required by statute. The Census Bureau is looking forward to working with the Secretary and the Department of Commerce to conduct a complete and accurate 2020 census. Any questions regarding Secretary Ross's decision may be sent to [publicaffairs@doc.gov](mailto:publicaffairs@doc.gov).

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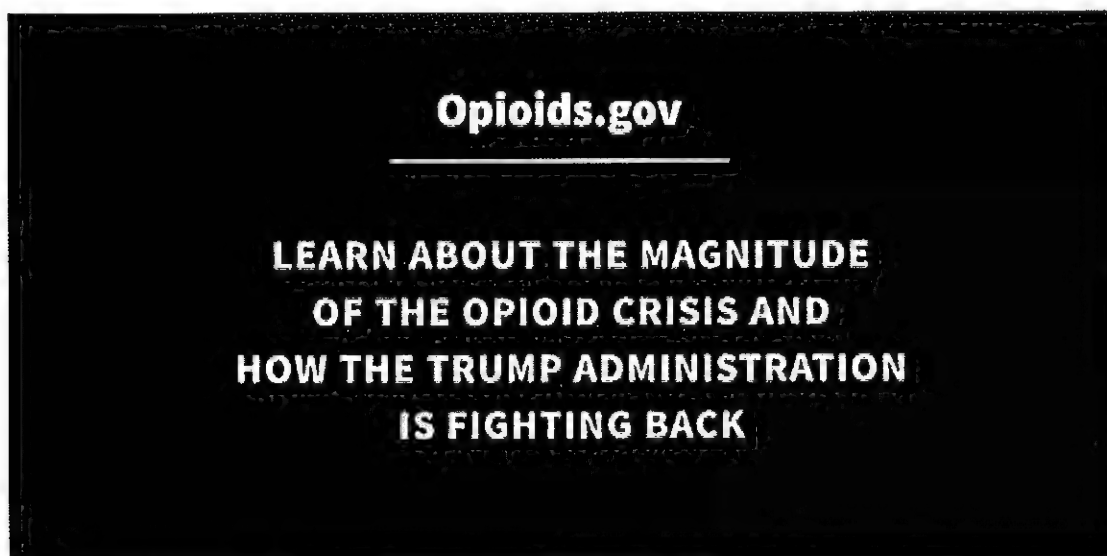
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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 2:55 PM  
**To:** Pottebaum, Nicholas D. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** Opioid Crisis and How The Trump Administration is Fighting Back  
**Attachments:** What They Are Saying - March 20.pdf; President Donald J. Trump's Initiative To Stop Opioid Abuse And Reduce Drug Supply And Demand.pdf; Remarks by President Trump on Combatting the Opioid Crisis.pdf

State and Local Leaders,

On Monday, President Donald J. Trump launched his initiative to stop opioid abuse and reduce drug supply and demand. Drug overdose is now the leading cause of injury death in the United States. The Trump Administration is working to save the lives of those suffering from drug addiction through evidence-based treatment and halting illicit drug supply. Below you will find additional information.



**"We will work to strengthen vulnerable families and communities, and we will help to build and grow a stronger, healthier, and drug-free society."**

— President Donald J. Trump

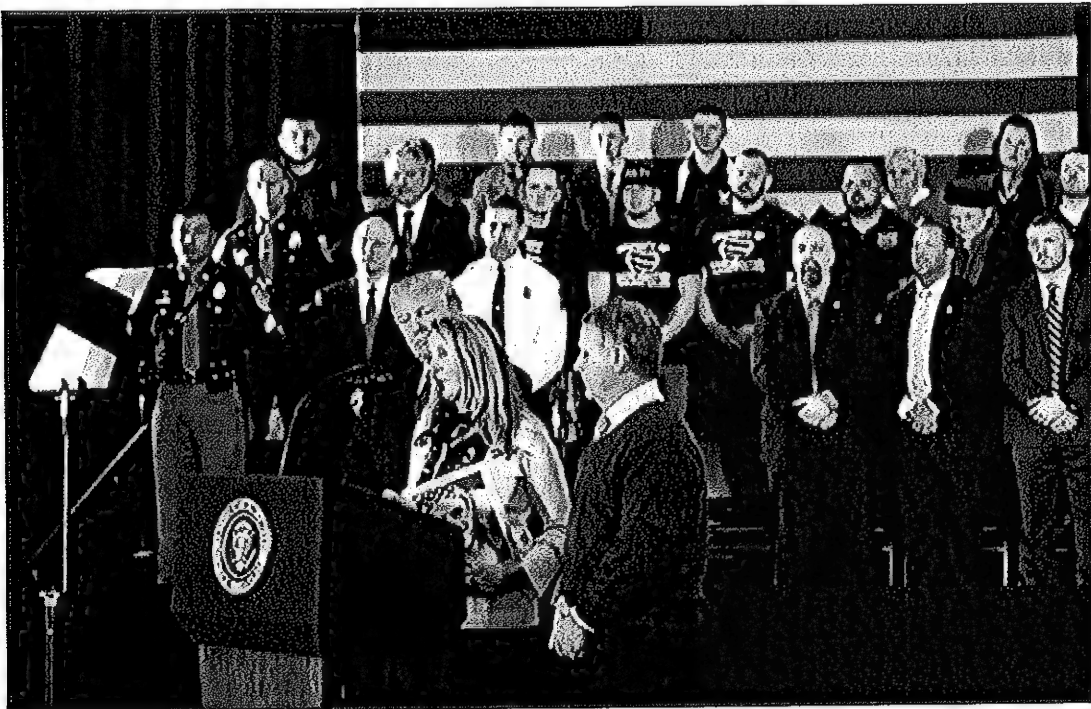
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- **Factsheet** (attached) – President Donald J. Trump Initiative to Stop Opioid Abuse and Reduce Drug Supply and Demand
  - **Crisis Next Door** – White House launched [crisisnextdoor.gov](http://crisisnextdoor.gov). Americans can share their story of how they overcame addiction, volunteered at a recovery center, or worked as a family to help a loved one get on the path to recovery.

# THE CRISIS NEXT DOOR

Learn how Americans are impacted by this  
crisis of addiction and share your story

CRISISNEXTDOOR.GOV

- **Full Remarks (attached)** – Remarks By President Trump On Combatting The Opioid Crisis in Manchester, New Hampshire.
- **Press Coverage**
  - Washington Post: [Trump pledges to 'get tough' on drug crime, unveils opioid epidemic plan in New Hampshire](#)
  - National Public Radio: [President Trump Vows to 'Liberate' U.S. From Opioid Crisis](#)



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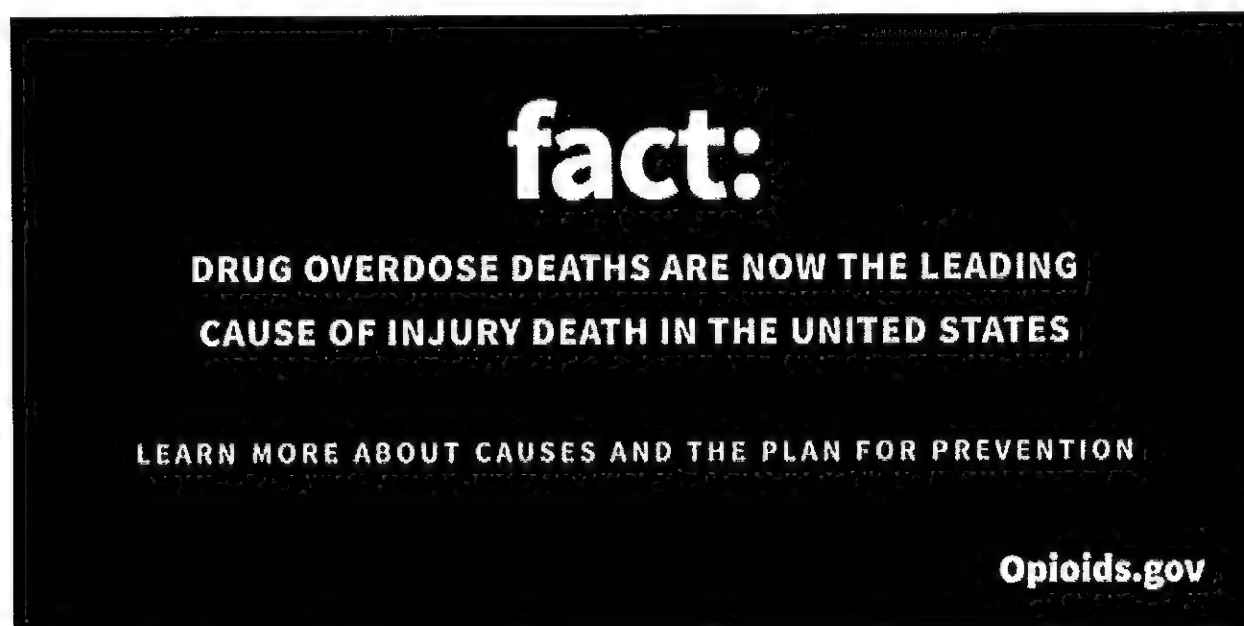
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### What State and Local Leaders Are Saying

- **Gov. Asa Hutchinson (R-AR):** "I appreciate @POTUS's initiative to address the opioid crisis while strengthening proven treatments for opioid & other drug addictions. We must cut off the flow of illicit drugs within our communities & help save lives through enforcement, prevention & recovery support services."
- **Gov. Jeff Colyer (R-KS):** "I'd like to thank @POTUS for his leadership on combating the opioid epidemic. To thrive as a nation we must put an end to this terrible crisis that is tearing apart our communities and our families. It's time to put an end to opioid abuse.... I look forward to working with @POTUS & @TheJusticeDept to confront this epidemic head on."
- **Gov. Brian Sandoval (R-NV):** "I applaud today's opioid initiative announcement by President Trump. Nevada has and continues to aggressively combat the prescription drug abuse epidemic and today's announcement compliments our state's efforts. The announcement will also help Nevada in building on our efforts to provide the critical resources necessary to combat this disease in our communities."
- **Gov. Henry McMaster (R-SC):** "Today President Trump announced additional measures to combat the opioid crisis—the crisis next door.... I applaud the President's leadership, am grateful for the hard work of the men and women on South Carolina's response team, and look forward to working together to end this scourge on society."
- **Gov. Jim Justice (R-WV):** "People are dying every day from opioid abuse. I'm encouraged and hopeful that @POTUS's plans will help us take bigger steps to resolve this scourge on our society."
- **Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall (R):** "I want to thank President Trump for his dedication to fight the terrible blight of opioid abuse in America. Opioid abuse is an epidemic that ignores cultural and political boundaries; it affects all of us—and thus demands a response that includes all of us."
- **Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge (R):** "President Trump and his Administration have shown tremendous leadership in battling the opioid crisis and I remain proud to work with leaders across the country on this issue. This

lethal epidemic knows no bounds and requires an aggressive approach including education, treatment and litigation. Tackling the opioid crisis continues to be a top priority and I look forward to complementing our efforts in Arkansas with those set out by the President."

- **Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi (R):** "[Thank you] @POTUS for the comprehensive approach to combat the national opioid crisis. This nationwide initiative will help stop the influx of dangerous drugs, treat addiction & hinder the spread of this deadly epidemic."
- **Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill (R):** "I support the initiatives put forth by the President today, and I look forward to continued collaborative efforts with the federal government toward a solution to this devastating crisis. I also applaud the President for calling on Congress to pass legislation reducing the threshold amount of drugs needed to invoke mandatory minimum sentences for drug traffickers who knowingly distribute certain illicit opioids that are lethal in trace amounts, and I will be encouraging Indiana lawmakers to heed President Trump's call and take the lead in making Indiana the worst possible state in America for drug dealers to operate."
- **Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine (R):** "Thank you to @POTUS @realdonaldtrump and @FLOTUS for taking on the #opioid epidemic that has gripped #Ohio and the nation. Your ideas to confront the driving forces behind this crisis will make a tremendous difference in this battle!"
- **Tennessee Attorney General Herbert Slatery III (R):** "We're very pleased with the initiative to stop opioid abuse announced today by Pres Trump.... We're particularly pleased with the commitment to treatment and educational efforts aimed at prescribers and the American public."
- **West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey (R):** "President Trump's initiative is a significant step forward and one that reinforces our call for broad cooperation within government toward a holistic solution that attacks opioid abuse from a supply, a demand and an educational perspective."
- **Association of State and Territorial Health Officials Executive Director Michael Fraser:** "The president's plan demonstrates important leadership for this critical public health issue and contains vital measures states and territories can take to address the opioid misuse and addiction epidemic that is plaguing our nation. We believe the President is serious about implementing the recommendations of his commission, many of which will strengthen the capacity of state health agencies to address the problem."
- **National Council for Behavioral Health Senior Vice President for Public Policy and Practice Improvement Chuck Ingoglia:** "The National Council for Behavioral Health welcomes this call to action from the White House. The plan contains some important steps that will increase access to effective, evidence-based treatment, particularly Medication-Assisted Treatment for opioid addiction."



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Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
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**To:** 'ryan.andersond@azag.gov'; Bailey, Michael  
**Subject:** RE: President Donald J. Trump's Initiative To Stop Opioid Abuse And Reduce Drug Supply And Demand

Michael and Ryan,

We'd welcome any positive statement of support or social media post on the President's efforts to stop opioid abuse and reduce drug supply and demand.

I know the priority the Attorney General has placed on combatting the opioid epidemic in Arizona.

Thanks,  
Nic

**From:** Pottebaum, Nicholas D. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 18, 2018 7:49 PM  
**To:** Pottebaum, Nicholas D. EOP/WHO <Nicholas.D.Pottebaum@who.eop.gov>  
**Subject:** President Donald J. Trump's Initiative To Stop Opioid Abuse And Reduce Drug Supply And Demand

State and Local Leaders,

Thank you to those who were able to join tonight's White House Conference Call on Combatting the Opioid Epidemic with the Domestic Policy Council. State and local leaders are critical to President Donald J. Trump's efforts to combat the opioid epidemic.

Attached you will find an **EMBARGOED** Factsheet on President Donald J. Trump's Initiative To Stop Opioid Abuse And Reduce Drug Supply And Demand.

**This attachment is EMBARGOED until Monday, March 19 at 2:00 PM ET.**

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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**Sent:** Sunday, March 18, 2018 10:19 AM  
**To:** Pottebaum, Nicholas D. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** Tonight at 7:00 PM ET - White House Conference Call on Combatting the Opioid Epidemic

State Leader,

Tonight at 7:00 PM Eastern Time, the White House Domestic Policy Council will be hosting a briefing call with state and local leaders to discuss President Donald J. Trump's efforts to combat the opioid epidemic. **This invitation is non-transferrable and is for state leaders and staff only.** Additional details below.

**Combatting the Opioid Epidemic Conference Call with State and Local Leaders**

- **Date:** Sunday, March 18
- **Time:** 7:00 PM Eastern Time
- **Dial-In Instructions:** A participant may register for the conference at <http://ems6.intellor.com?do=register&t=2&p=601913> after which s/he will receive an email containing dial-in numbers and a personalized access code.

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**To:** Pottebaum, Nicholas D. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** President Trump Is Taking Immediate Actions to Secure Our Schools  
**Attachments:** March 10 - President Donald J. Trump's Weekly Address.pdf; President Donald J. Trump is Taking Immediate Actions to Secure Our Schools.pdf; DHS Working to Enhance School Safety, Increase Preparedness.pdf; Attorney General Sessions Announces New Actions to Improve School Safety and Better Enforce Existing Gun Laws.pdf

State Leaders,

Thank you to the state leaders and staff who were able to join our school safety conference call yesterday with the White House Domestic Policy Council.

Yesterday, President Donald J. Trump announced immediate actions to secure our schools. Attached you will find the following:

- **Factsheet – President Trump Taking Immediate Actions to Secure Our Schools**
  - *HARDENING OUR SCHOOLS*: President Donald J. Trump is making sure our schools are safe and secure, just like our airports, stadiums, and government buildings.
  - *STRENGTHENING BACKGROUND CHECKS AND PREVENTION*: President Trump supports legislation and reforms to strengthen background checks and law enforcement operations.
  - *MENTAL HEALTH REFORM*: President Trump is proposing an expansion and reform of mental health programs, including those that help identify and treat individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others.
  - *INVESTIGATION*: In addition to these immediate actions, President Trump is establishing a Federal Commission on School Safety chaired by Secretary Betsy DeVos and will recommend policy and funding proposals for school violence prevention.
- **President Donald J. Trump's Weekly Address from March 10 – Protecting the Safety and Well-Being of American Citizens**
- **Department of Homeland Security Press Release – DHS Working to Enhance School Safety, Increase Preparedness**
- **Department of Justice Press Release - Attorney General Sessions Announces New Actions to Improve School Safety and Better Enforce Existing Gun Laws**

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**To:** Pottebaum, Nicholas D. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** RE: White House Conference Call on School Safety Today at Noon

State Leaders,

Below you will find a fact sheet on school safety.

### **PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP IS TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTIONS TO SECURE OUR SCHOOLS**

*"Every child deserves to grow up in a safe community surrounded by a loving family and to have a future filled with opportunity and with hope." – President Donald J. Trump*

**HARDENING OUR SCHOOLS:** President Donald J. Trump is making sure our schools are safe and secure, just like our airports, stadiums, and government buildings.

- President Trump's Administration will assist States to train specially qualified school personnel on a voluntary basis.
  - Department of Justice (DOJ) assistance programs will be leveraged to enable schools to partner with State and local law enforcement to provide firearms training for school personnel.
  - The Administration will support the transition of military veterans and retired law enforcement into new careers in education.
- The Administration will encourage States' Attorneys General to audit school district compliance with State emergency preparedness activities.
- Federal agencies, including the Department of Homeland Security, will partner with States and localities to support a public awareness campaign modeled on "See Something, Say Something" to encourage awareness and reporting of suspicious activity.

**STRENGTHENING BACKGROUND CHECKS AND PREVENTION:** President Trump supports legislation and reforms to strengthen background checks and law enforcement operations.

- President Trump's Administration is calling on every State to adopt Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs).
  - The President is directing the Department of Justice to provide technical assistance to States, at their request, on establishing and implementing ERPOs.
  - ERPOs allow law enforcement, with approval from a court, to remove firearms from individuals who are a demonstrated threat to themselves or others and temporarily to prevent individuals from purchasing new firearms.
  - ERPOs should be carefully tailored to ensure the due process rights of law-abiding citizens are protected.
- President Trump supports improving the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). The President supports the legislative framework introduced by Senators Cornyn and Murphy that will help improve the accuracy and effectiveness of NICS.
  - The Cornyn-Murphy bill will hold Federal agencies more accountable for reporting information to NICS and will incentivize States to improve their reporting to the system.
- The President supports the framework of the STOP School Violence Act, which provides for State-based grants to implement evidence-based violence prevention programs.
  - Grants will provide States with funds for training, technology, and technical assistance to help schools identify and prevent violent acts.
- The Administration requests that Congress provide funding in 2018 to jump start implementation of this evidence-based program in middle and high schools nationwide.

- The President's Administration will audit and make accountability improvements to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) tip line, and will promote its use.
- DOJ will provide emergency and crisis training for local law enforcement.

**MENTAL HEALTH REFORM:** President Trump is proposing an expansion and reform of mental health programs, including those that help identify and treat individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others.

- The President is proposing increased integration of mental health, primary care, and family services, as well as support for programs that utilize court-ordered treatment.
- The President is calling for a review of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), and other statutory and regulatory privacy protections.
  - Reviews will determine if any changes or clarifications are needed to improve coordination between mental health and other healthcare professionals, school officials, and law enforcement personnel.

**INVESTIGATION:** In addition to these immediate actions, President Trump is establishing a Federal Commission on School Safety chaired by Secretary Betsy DeVos and will recommend policy and funding proposals for school violence prevention.

- President Trump's Administration will establish a Federal commission, chaired by Secretary DeVos, to address school safety and the culture of violence.
- While the Administration is taking immediate action on school safety, the Federal commission will develop a process to evaluate and make recommendations on school safety.
- The commission will study and make recommendations on the following areas of focus:
  - Age restrictions for certain firearm purchases.
  - Existing entertainment rating systems and youth consumption of violent entertainment.
  - Strategies to advance the science and practice of character development in youth and a culture of connectedness.
  - Effects of press coverage of mass shootings.
  - Repeal of the Obama Administration's "Rethink School Discipline" policies.
  - Best practices for school buildings and campus security from Federal Government components, including the Department of State's Bureau of Diplomatic Security, and also from other State, local, and private sector sources.
  - A plan for integration and coordination of Federal resources focused on prevention and mitigation of active shooter incidents at schools.
  - Opportunities to improve access to mental health treatment, including through efforts that raise awareness about mental illness and the effectiveness of treatment, reduce barriers to the recruitment of mental health professionals, and provide training related to violence prevention.
  - Best practices for school-based threat assessment and violence prevention strategies.
  - The effectiveness and appropriateness of psychotropic medication for treatment of troubled youth.
  - Ensuring that findings are sufficiently supported by existing and additional Federal, State, and local funding sources.

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**Subject:** Presidential Memorandum on the Application of the Definition of Machinegun to "Bump Fire" Stocks and Other Similar Devices

Attorneys General Staff,

Today, President Donald J. Trump issued a Presidential Memorandum on the Application of the Definition of Machinegun to "Bump Fire" Stocks and Other Similar Devices. Below you find the Presidential Memorandum.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

**Presidential Memorandum:**

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
February 20, 2018

February 20, 2018

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

**SUBJECT:** Application of the Definition of Machinegun to "Bump Fire" Stocks and Other Similar Devices

After the deadly mass murder in Las Vegas, Nevada, on October 1, 2017, I asked my Administration to fully review how the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives regulates bump fire stocks and similar devices.

Although the Obama Administration repeatedly concluded that particular bump stock type devices were lawful to purchase and possess, I sought further clarification of the law restricting fully automatic machineguns.

Accordingly, following established legal protocols, the Department of Justice started the process of promulgating a Federal regulation interpreting the definition of "machinegun" under Federal law to clarify whether certain bump stock type devices should be illegal. The Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was published in the *Federal Register* on December 26, 2017. Public comment concluded on January 25, 2018, with the Department of Justice receiving over 100,000 comments.

Today, I am directing the Department of Justice to dedicate all available resources to complete the review of the comments received, and, as expeditiously as possible, to propose for notice and comment a rule banning all devices that turn legal weapons into machineguns.

Although I desire swift and decisive action, I remain committed to the rule of law and to the procedures the law prescribes. Doing this the right way will ensure that the resulting regulation is workable and effective and leaves no loopholes for criminals to exploit. I would ask that you keep me regularly apprised of your progress.

You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

DONALD J. TRUMP

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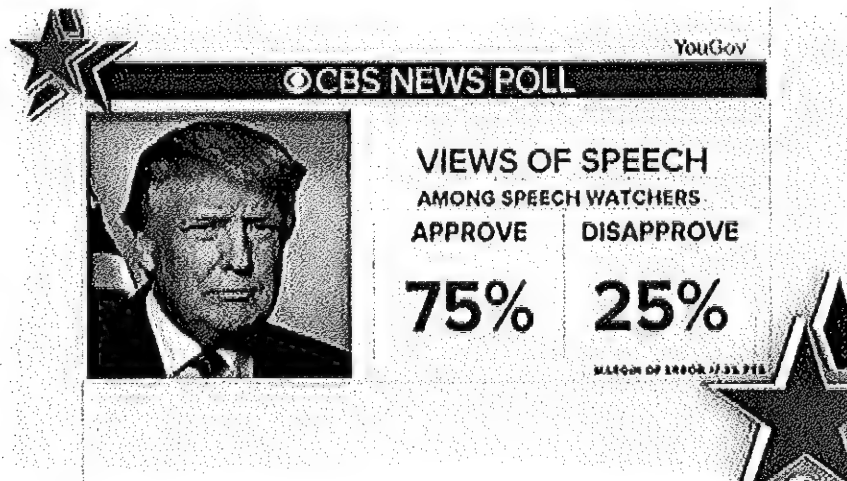
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**Subject:** State of the Union | 75% Approval  
**Attachments:** 75% Approval\_01-31-2018.pdf; What They Are Saying\_01-31-2018.pdf; Commentators and Editorial Boards Applaud President Trump's State of the Union\_01-31-2018.pdf

Good evening,

Last night, President Trump delivered the State of the Union. Below you will find a summary of what state officials, commentators, and polls are saying about the President's Address. See attachments for a more extensive *What They Are Saying*.

## **CBS News poll - Viewers approve of Trump's first State of the Union address**

*"Three in four Americans who tuned in to President Trump's State of the Union address tonight approved of the speech he gave. Just a quarter disapproved."*



### **Key Highlights:**

- 75% approved, including 97% of Republicans and 72% of Independents.
- 65% said the speech made them feel proud.
- 54% said policies they heard in the speech would help them.
- 81% said they felt President Trump was trying to unite the country.
- 91% favored what they heard on infrastructure.
- 75% favored what they heard on national security.
- 72% favored what they heard on immigration.

## **What They Are Saying – State Officials Support for President Trump's State of the Union Address**

**Governor Kay Ivey (R-AL):** "Tonight, President Trump made clear his commitment to the American people and to improving the quality of life for everyone. By protecting our borders, strengthening our military and creating an environment that enhances domestic economic growth, the president underlined his commitment to national security."

**Governor Asa Hutchinson (R-AR):** "President Trump's State of the Union speech was good news for Arkansas on many fronts. We have seen conservative policy changes in D.C. lead to tax cuts, increased wages, bonuses, deregulation, American companies returning to the U.S. and a year-long stock-market streak."

**Governor Matt Bevin (R-KY):** "We are all so proud of Corporal (Ret.) Matthew Bradford, a great Kentuckian and one of the special guests in the gallery during tonight's State of the Union address. Corporal Bradford truly embodies the Kentucky spirit, showing all of America what it means to overcome significant obstacles and to embrace new opportunities. How we deal with adversity has the power to unite us as Americans and, as the President noted, we must continue to rally around the opportunities that are before us—combatting the opioid epidemic, creating jobs, and rebuilding the Nation's infrastructure."

**Governor Paul LePage (R-ME):** "We commend President Trump for the all progress he has made this year, especially on the passage of comprehensive tax reform, which will create jobs, raise wages for families and jumpstart the American economy."

**Governor Phil Bryant (R-MS):** "In the past 12 months, President Trump has increased security by making our military stronger, grown our economy by cutting taxes and eliminating regulations and made it clear that America comes first. I am grateful he reinforced his commitment to those values in his State of the Union."

**Governor Doug Burgum (R-ND):** "President Trump's address this evening further underscores our mutual commitment to lifting up all American by working to expand economic opportunity. Through bold tax reform and a continued effort to roll back government overreach, his administration is empowering North Dakotans."

**Governor Pete Ricketts (R-NE):** ""In his first year, President Trump has helped spur economic growth through major tax reform and rolling back job-killing regulations. His pro-growth policies have helped the United States achieve its lowest unemployment rate in almost two decades, while pushing the stock market to record highs. President Trump's focus on infrastructure and continued commitment to growing jobs and the economy for 2018 is common sense."

**Governor Jim Justice (R-WV):** "Donald J. Trump is a personal friend of mine and I KNOW how much he cares for each and every one of us in this great nation. We are extremely excited about his infrastructure plan, his clear guidelines for fair trade, and the continuing policies to cut taxes that will create millions of additional jobs."

**Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall (R):** "President Trump made a commitment to nominate courageous judges, firmly dedicated to the Constitution and the rule of law. As Attorney General of Alabama, I have watched with enthusiasm as he has fulfilled that promise, knowing that there is little that a president could do to be of more encouragement to me and the attorneys in my office."

**Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry (R):** "I commend President Trump for inviting two of Louisiana's best to be his special guests at the State of the Union Address. Ashlee and Jon have both shown immense courage in the midst of the devastation Louisiana and our neighbors have had to endure. It is because of heroes like them that Louisiana is such a bright light for the rest of the country."

Thanks,  
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**Attachments:** Speech Transcript - State of the Union\_01-30-2018.pdf; Fact Sheet - State of the Union\_01-30-2018.pdf; Executive Order - PROTECTING AMERICA THROUGH LAWFUL DETENTION OF TERRORISTS\_01-30-2018.pdf; Additional Special Guests for the State of the Union Address\_01-30\_2018.pdf

Good Evening,

Tonight, President Donald J. Trump gave his first State of the Union Address. Attached you will find details from the President's Address.

- Speech Transcript (attached)
- Fact Sheet (attached)
- Executive Order - Protecting America through Lawful Detention of Terrorists (attached)
- Additional Special Guests for the State of the Union Address (attached)

Below are some key highlights from the speech.

### "AMERICAN MODEL" ECONOMY

- **TAX CUTS AND REFORM:** President Donald J. Trump has delivered comprehensive tax cuts and reform to the American people, providing taxpayers and businesses with the tax relief they need.
- **EARLY BENEFITS FROM TAX CUTS:** Across the country, companies are using President Trump's tax cuts to invest in American workers with bonuses, higher wages, and better benefits.
- **REGULATORY REDUCTION:** The Trump Administration is keeping its promise to cut unnecessary regulations, saving our Nation billions of dollars.
- **JUMPSTARTING THE ECONOMY:** The Trump Administration's "American Model" of pro-growth, pro-business policies has already produced results for the American people.

### RESHAPING THE GOVERNMENT

- **A MODEL FOR REFORM:** President Donald J. Trump is taking steps to reform the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), which can serve as a model for wider government reform.
- **GOVERNING FOR THE PEOPLE:** President Trump is spearheading an ambitious agenda of government reform so agencies and departments work for the American people once again.
- **DRAINING THE SWAMP:** President Trump is closing the revolving door that benefits Washington at the expense of everyday Americans.

### PROMOTING FREE, FAIR, AND RECIPROCAL TRADE

- **STANDING UP FOR AMERICAN INTERESTS:** President Donald J. Trump is standing up for American interests and protecting American economic and national security by taking tough enforcement action against countries that break the rules.
- **PUTTING THE AMERICAN WORKER FIRST:** President Trump is renegotiating trade deals and international agreements that have not provided the expected benefits to the United States. The President is also seeking new

deals to open markets for U.S. exports and reshaping international institutions to serve the interests of U.S. workers.

- **THE ART OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEAL:** President Trump is negotiating deals to increase U.S. exports and to bring investment to the United States.

#### **REBUILD AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE AND FORGE A PATH TOWARDS GREATER PROSPERITY**

- **AMERICA'S INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS HELP:** American infrastructure has fallen behind due to years of inaction and a broken permitting system.
- **REBUILDING AMERICA:** President Donald J. Trump's plan will renew our country's once-great infrastructure and help build a more prosperous future for all Americans.
- **BUILDING OFF OF YEAR ONE:** President Trump will continue to build off of the action his Administration took in its first year to improve American infrastructure.

#### **IMMIGRATION THAT MAKES AMERICA STRONGER AND SAFER**

- **ENSURING THE SAFETY OF AMERICANS:** It is time to end immigration policies that jeopardize the security of our communities.
- **REFORMS NEEDED:** President Trump has proposed vital reforms needed to improve our immigration system and provide a permanent solution for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.
- **IMMIGRATION REFORM WILL BENEFIT STRUGGLING AMERICAN COMMUNITIES:** Merit-based immigration reform will benefit American workers and relieve the strain imposed by our current system on Federal resources.

#### **FOREIGN POLICY PUTS AMERICA FIRST**

- **CHARTING A NEW COURSE:** President Donald J. Trump's foreign policy is putting the interests and security of the American people first.
- **COMBATTING TERRORISM:** Under President Trump's leadership, the United States is defeating the terrorists who threaten our homeland and citizens.
- **SECURING THE HOMELAND:** President Trump is securing our borders and eliminating violence from our neighborhoods.
- **REASSURING ALLIES AND DETERRING ENEMIES:** The President is restoring critical alliances and working with allies and partners to confront our enemies.

#### **PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP PROTECTS AMERICA THROUGH LAWFUL DETENTION OF TERRORISTS**

- **KEEPING AMERICA SAFE:** President Trump is fulfilling his commitment to use all available tools to defeat terrorism and protect the United States homeland and its interests abroad.
- **KEEPING AMERICA PREPARED:** President Trump understands the threats that still face the U.S. and pose a threat to its citizens.
- **KEEPING THE THREAT AT BAY:** The President's new action is vital to preserving the tools and capabilities necessary to end the terror threat.

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**Attachments:** President Donald J. Trump Meets with State of the Union Guests\_01-30-2018.pdf

Good Evening,

The President delivers the State of the Union tonight at approximately 9:10 PM EST. Below you will find speech excerpts.

Also, attached you will find information and photos of the President's State of the Union guests.

Let us know if you have any questions.

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## **STATE OF THE UNION | SPEECH EXCERPTS**

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As prepared for delivery:

- Together, we are building a SAFE, STRONG, and PROUD America.
- We want every American to know the dignity of a hard day's work; we want every child to be safe in their home at night, and we want every citizen to be proud of this land that we love.
- Just as I promised the American People from this podium 11 months ago, we enacted the biggest tax cuts and reform in American history.
- Our massive tax cuts provide tremendous relief for the Middle Class and small businesses.
- Since we passed tax cuts, roughly 3 million workers have already gotten tax cut bonuses – many of them thousands of dollars per worker.

- This is our New American Moment. There has never been a better time to start living the American dream.
- Tonight, I want to talk about what kind of future we are going to have, and what kind of nation we are going to be. All of us, together, as one team, one people, and one American family.
- Americans love their country. And they deserve a government that shows them the same love and loyalty in return.
- For the last year we have sought to restore the bonds of trust between our citizens and their government.
- In our drive to make Washington accountable, we have eliminated more regulations in our first year than any administration in history.
- We have ENDED the war on American Energy – and we have ENDED the War on CLEAN COAL. We are now an exporter of energy to the world.
- America has also finally turned the page on decades of unfair trade deals that sacrificed our prosperity and shipped away our companies, our jobs and our nation's wealth.
- America is a nation of builders. We built the Empire State Building in just one year – isn't it a disgrace that it can now take ten years just to get a permit approved for a simple road?
- I am asking both parties to come together to give us the safe, fast, reliable, and modern infrastructure our economy needs and our people deserve.
- Struggling communities, especially immigrant communities, will also be helped by immigration policies that focus on the best interests of American Workers and American Families.
- So tonight I am extending an open hand to work with members of both parties, Democrats and Republicans, to protect our citizens, of every background, color, and creed.
- As we rebuild America's strength and confidence at home, we are also restoring our strength and standing abroad.
- Last year I pledged that we would work with our allies to extinguish ISIS from the face of the earth. One year later, I'm proud to report that the coalition to defeat ISIS has liberated almost 100 percent of the territory once held by these killers in Iraq and Syria. But there is much more work to be done. We will continue our fight until ISIS is defeated.
- Past experience has taught us that complacency and concessions only invite aggression and provocation. I will not repeat the mistakes of the past Administrations that got us into this dangerous position.

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**Subject:** Statement of Support Request - State of the Union  
**Attachments:** State of the Union\_01-29-2018.pdf; State of the Union Background Briefing Transcript\_01-29-2018.pdf

Attorney's General Senior Staff,

Thank you to the many who joined the State of the Union preview call on Saturday with White House Communications staff.

We encourage your boss to prepare a statement of support for the President's address. Please send statements to White House Communications and Intergovernmental Affairs ([Judson.P.Deere@who.eop.gov](mailto:Judson.P.Deere@who.eop.gov); [Nicholas.D.Pottebaum@who.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas.D.Pottebaum@who.eop.gov)) **by COB today (Monday, January 29)**. The White House Communications Team will issue statements of support during the address tomorrow night (Tuesday, January 30).

Below you will find an overview of the President's address (attached in a PDF as well) and attached is a transcript from Saturday's press briefing. Statements of support can reference specific items within the speech or overall themes.

Let us know if you have any questions. Your communications team can work directly with Judd from White House Communications (202-881-8566 or [Judson.P.Deere@who.eop.gov](mailto:Judson.P.Deere@who.eop.gov)).

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## STATE OF THE UNION | THEME, MESSAGE, ISSUES

**THEME:** Building a Safe, Strong and Proud America

- The President will be talking about his record-setting accomplishments from his first year;
- How the policies of his administration are lifting all Americans;
- How these policies are setting a foundation for building a safe, strong and proud America.

**FIVE ISSUES:**

- Jobs and the Economy
  - The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act
  - The administration's deregulation effort

- How these policies are creating millions of jobs, increasing workers' wages, creating stock market records, increasing the value of college savings accounts, and retirement accounts.
- How greatly expanded opportunities are lifting up **all** Americans.
- **READ:** Wall Street Journal Editorial "Thank you for tax reform"
- Infrastructure
  - The President will talk about his \$1 trillion plan for rebuilding our depleted infrastructure and how we're going to do it right and fast.
- Immigration
  - The President will reiterate the legislative principles laid out this week.
- Trade
  - The U.S. will be insisting on fair and reciprocal trade
  - See APEC speech and Davos speech for examples
- National Security
  - Rebuilding our military
  - Returning to the policy of peace through strength
  - Returning to the clarity about our friends and adversaries
    - The president will speak about North Korea and nuclear issues
    - See the speech the President gave at the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea for examples
    - Also, see the President's National Security Strategy speech
  - The administration's efforts to defeat terrorists around the world

#### **TONE:**

- The President will be speaking from the heart;
- It will be a speech that resonates with our American values and unites us with patriotism and greater opportunities;
- It will be bipartisan and forward looking.
- There will be specific call-outs to Congress for action.

#### **GUESTS:**

- Just like last year, on Tuesday, there will be a release of the guests that will be in the gallery and you can expect the President to address some of the guests.
- The opioid crisis will be addressed in the speech and one of the gallery guests will be reflective of the impact of the drug addiction and opioid crisis.
- There will also be guests who have benefitted from the Tax Cuts and Job Act.

**SECURING A STRONGER DEAL FOR AMERICAN INDUSTRIES AND WORKERS: USMCA is a stronger deal for American farmers, ranchers, businesses, and workers.**

- USMCA will help incentivize billions of dollars in additional vehicle and auto parts production in the United States.
- The agreement includes updated rules of origin that require 75 percent of auto content to be produced in North America.
- American autoworkers will benefit from rules that incentivize the use of high-wage manufacturing labor in the auto sector.
  - This includes a requirement that 40-45% of a vehicle consist of content manufactured by North American workers making at least \$16 per hour.
- USMCA's labor and environment chapters are fully enforceable and represent the strongest labor and environmental provisions of any trade agreement ever negotiated.
  - Mexico agreed to historic labor reforms to provide for genuine collective bargaining.
  - The agreement prohibits the importation of goods produced by forced labor.
- The agreement includes provisions that allow agriculture products to be traded more fairly.
  - Canada will end its "Class 6" and "Class 7" programs that allow low-priced dairy products to undersell American dairy producers.
  - Canada will increase market access for United States dairy products, eggs, and poultry.

**REFORMING TRADE FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY: USMCA modernizes our trade relationship with Canada and Mexico to reflect the realities of the 21st century.**

- The new agreement includes a modernized chapter that provides stronger and more comprehensive intellectual property protections than any prior United States trade agreement.
  - These protections are vital to promoting innovation and economic growth.
  - USMCA includes robust copyright protection, 10 years of data protection for biologic drugs, and new protections against the theft of trade secrets.
- USMCA includes the strongest digital trade and financial services provisions of any United States trade agreement.
  - New rules ensure that data can be transferred cross-border and that limits on where data can be stored are minimized.
- USMCA will cut red tape at the border, streamline trade, and reduce regulatory uncertainty.
- The agreement includes a currency chapter that will help reinforce transparency and stability.

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This evening, President Trump is participating in a roundtable with Administration officials, Members of Congress, Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant, and law enforcement leaders on the **FIRST STEP Act**.

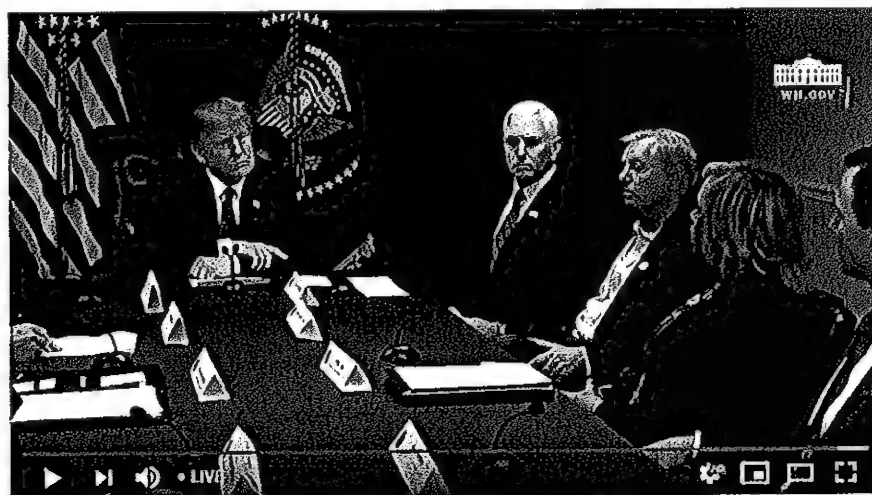
Earlier this year, the House of Representatives passed this bill by an overwhelming vote of 360-59, and recently a bipartisan group of Senators working with the White House crafted an agreement on sentencing reform to add to this legislation.

President Trump has endorsed the **FIRST STEP Act** and has called on Congress to swiftly pass this bill to make **our communities safer and our justice system fairer**. This legislation has been endorsed by law enforcement organizations, faith leaders, conservative groups, and state officials like those in Mississippi who have seen the benefits of prison reform.

More information below.

Senior Advisor to the President Jared Kushner and Council of Economic Advisers Member **Tomas J. Philipson**:  
Op-Ed In USA Today: Criminal justice reform: We can improve expensive, ineffective system by lowering recidivism

**Watch:**



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**President Trump Calls On Congress To Pass The First Step Act**

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*"Our whole Nation benefits if former inmates are able to reenter society as productive, law-abiding citizens."* –  
President Donald J. Trump

**CALLING FOR BIPARTISAN ACTION:** President Donald J. Trump is calling on Congress to take action and support the bipartisan prison reform legislation, the FIRST STEP Act.

- President Trump supports the FIRST STEP Act, which will help improve our Nation's criminal justice system.
- The FIRST STEP Act enjoys widespread support across the political spectrum.
  - Many of the reforms included in this legislation passed the House in an overwhelming, bipartisan vote of 360–59 in May 2018.
  - Republicans and Democrats in the Senate worked with the White House to craft a bipartisan sentencing reform compromise, which has been added to the legislation.
  - So far, seven major police organizations, over 2,700 faith and evangelical leaders, and hundreds of conservative organizations and leaders support this legislation.

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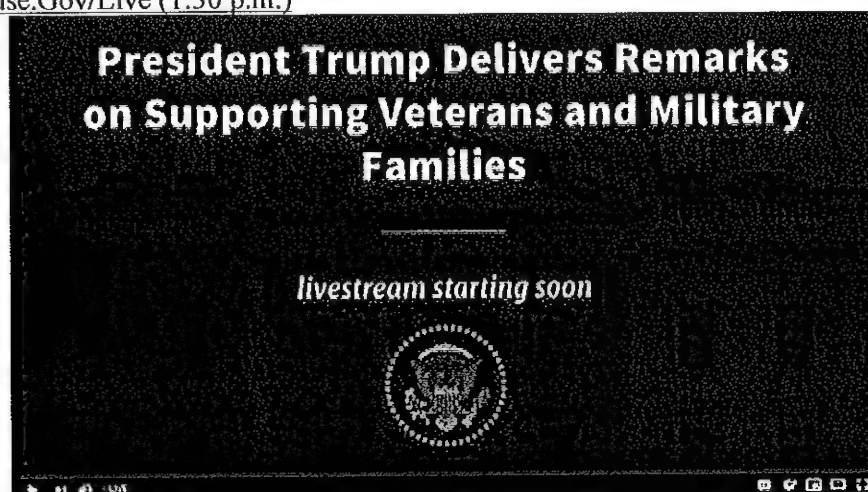
In honor of National Veterans and Military Families Month, this afternoon President Trump will deliver remarks at a **White House conference with more than 150 state and local veterans leaders**. The President will highlight his Administration's ongoing commitment to support our veterans and military families, as well as identify opportunities to provide further support and partnership.

Since his inauguration, the President has been fulfilling the commitment he made to our nations veterans and transforming the way business is done at the VA. In just the last two years, President Trump:

- Secured a record \$73.1 billion in funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- Signed the VA MISSION Act, revolutionizing the VA healthcare system
- Signed the VA Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act, making it easier to discipline bad actors at the VA, including senior executives
- Delivered a near two-decade low unemployment rate for veterans.

More information, including a White House fact sheet, on what the Trump Administration is doing to honor the sacrifices of our veterans below.

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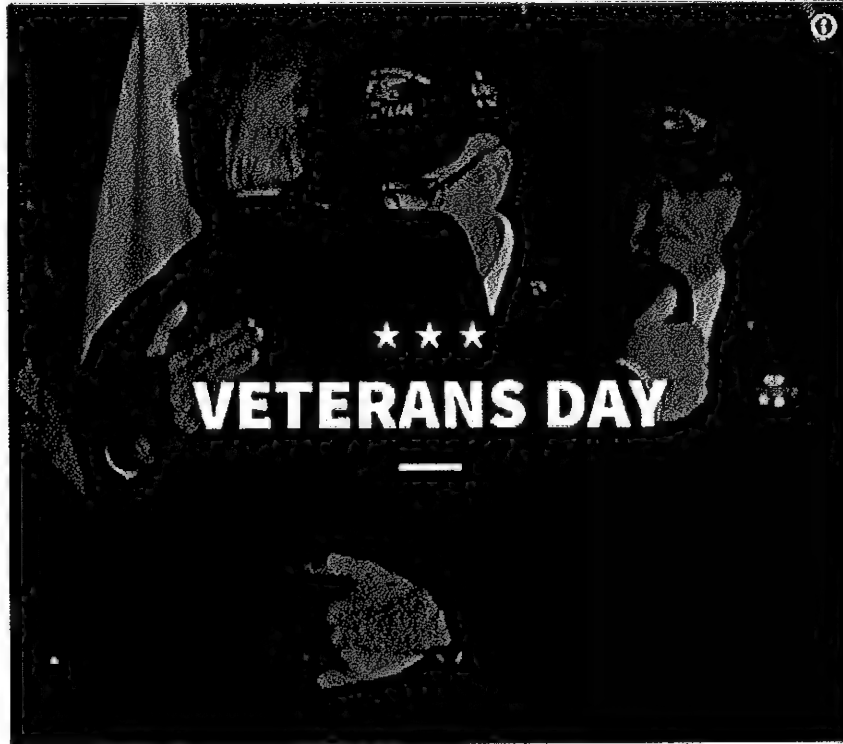
Vice President Mike Pence Op-Ed: Veterans Day – Veterans have no better friend than President Trump

100 Years Since World War I: President Trump Visits France to Mark the 100th Anniversary of World War I's End

**Presidential Proclamations:**

- Presidential Proclamation on Veterans Day, 2018
- Presidential Message on National Veterans Small Business Week
- Presidential Proclamation on National Veterans and Military Families Month, 2018

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On this Veterans Day — the 100th Anniversary of the end of WWI, we honor the brave HEROES who fought for America in the Great War, and every Veteran who has worn the uniform and kept our Nation Safe, Strong and FREE!  
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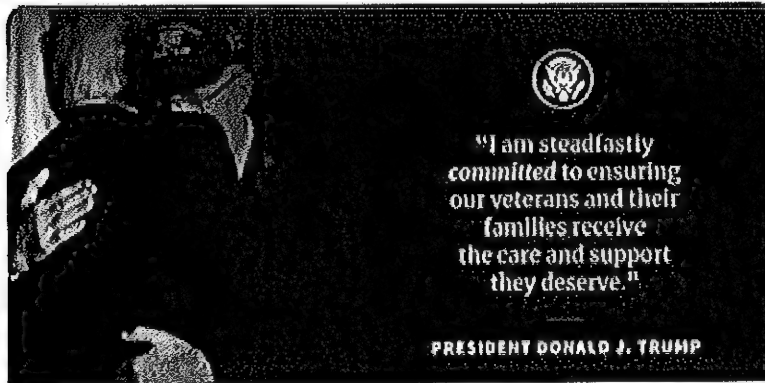


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President Trump believes in standing up for veterans—both during our National Anthem AND in the care and support we provide them each and every day. [45.wh.gov/piwdYT](https://45.wh.gov/piwdYT)

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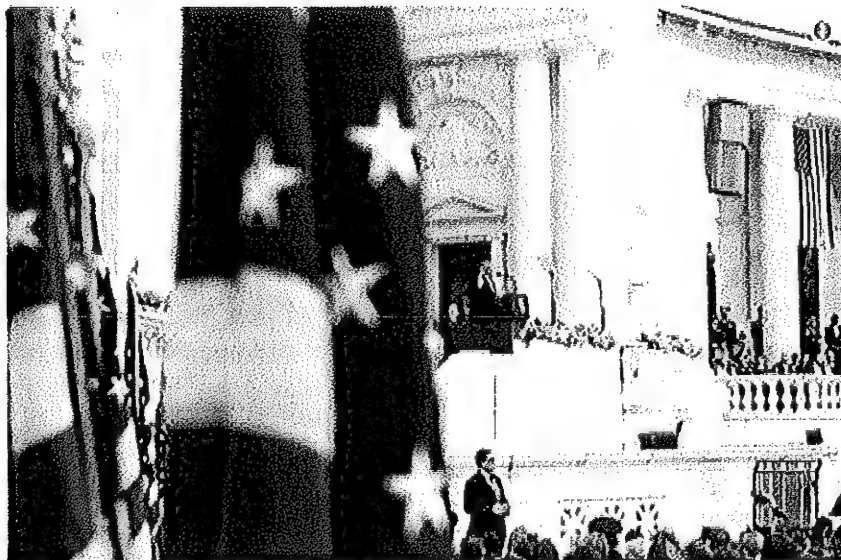
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- ✓ Shorter healthcare wait times
- ✓ Needed accountability at the VA
- ✓ Dramatically lower veteran unemployment

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**NEARLY 54,000  
VETERANS**  
found permanent housing and got access  
to supportive services last year



**The VA MISSION Act**



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## **President Trump Is Honoring The Sacrifices Of Our Nation's Veterans**

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**PROVIDING QUALITY HEALTHCARE FOR OUR VETERANS: President Donald J. Trump continues to work every day to improve healthcare and expand services for our Nation's veterans.**

- President Trump recently secured a record \$73.1 billion in funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to ensure our veterans receive the medical care they have earned.
  - This legislation signed by the President included \$8.6 billion for mental health services, \$400 million for opioid abuse prevention, and much more.
- Earlier this year, the President signed the VA MISSION Act, revolutionizing the VA healthcare system and raising the standard of service for our veterans.
  - The VA MISSION Act consolidates and reforms existing programs to give eligible veterans access to care right in their own communities.
  - Eligible veterans will also have access to walk-in community clinics that offer immediate, local care.
- In January, the President ordered the Secretaries of Defense, Homeland Security, and VA to improve access to mental health treatment and suicide prevention resources for veterans.
- President Trump has expanded access to telehealth services for veterans, including through the "Anywhere to Anywhere VA Health Care Initiative."

**BRINGING ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE VA: The Trump Administration is strengthening accountability and transparency at the VA.**

- President Trump has signed the VA Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act, making it easier to discipline bad actors at the VA, including senior executives.
  - The Act strengthened protections for individuals who come forward and identify problems occurring within the VA.
- VA employees are being held accountable for poor performance, with more than 4,300 VA employees removed, demoted, and suspended.
- The President Trump kept his promise to create a 24/7 White House VA Hotline.
- The VA has increased transparency and accountability by launching an online "Access and Quality Tool," providing veterans with access to wait time and quality care data.
- The President signed the Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act, overhauling the VA's complicated appeals system and offering veterans faster appeals decisions.
  - This legislation helped put the VA on track to deliver a record number of decisions to veterans by the end of fiscal year 2018.

**SUPPORTING AMERICA'S FINEST: President Trump is committed to supporting America's veterans by improving access to education benefits, housing, and employment.**

- Last year, the President signed the "Forever GI Bill," which provided enhanced education benefits to veterans, service members, and their family members.
  - This legislation lifted a 15-year limit on veterans' access to educational benefits to ensure all veterans receive the benefits they have rightly earned.
- Programs at the VA and the Department of Housing and Urban Development helped nearly 54,000 veterans find permanent housing and get access to supportive services last year.
- Thanks to the booming economy, veterans' unemployment remains near a two-decade low.

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**Subject:** President Trump Supports Bipartisan Prison Reform Legislation



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**This afternoon, President Trump announced that he is calling on Congress to pass bipartisan prison and sentencing reform, based on an agreement the White House reached with both Republicans and Democrats in the Senate.**

Many of the reforms in this legislation previously passed the House in a bipartisan vote of 360-59 this past May and have the support of hundreds of law enforcement organizations, faith and evangelical leaders, and conservative organizations.

White House fact sheet below with the topline on how this agreement will help fulfill the President's promise to make American communities safer while also making our justice system fairer.

**Watch The President's Remarks:**



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I am grateful to be here today w/ Members of the House & Senate who have poured their time, heart and energy into the crucial issue of Prison Reform. Working together w/ my Admin over the last two years, these members have reached a bipartisan agreement...[pscp.tv/w/bryTnzFVTIFs...](https://pscp.tv/w/bryTnzFVTIFs...)

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## **President Trump Calls On Congress To Pass The First Step Act**

*"Our whole Nation benefits if former inmates are able to reenter society as productive, law-abiding citizens."* – President Donald J. Trump

**CALLING FOR BIPARTISAN ACTION: President Donald J. Trump is calling on Congress to take action and support the bipartisan prison reform legislation, the FIRST STEP Act.**

- President Trump supports the FIRST STEP Act, which will help improve our Nation's criminal justice system.
- The FIRST STEP Act enjoys widespread support across the political spectrum.
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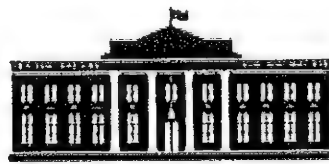
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**Subject:** The Trump Administration's Regulatory Reform Efforts - \$33 Billion in Savings, 12 to 1 Dereg Ratio



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**All:**

This morning, the Office of Management and Budget announced that **in the last year, the Trump Administration's regulatory reform efforts have led to a total of \$23 billion in cost savings.**

Overall findings from OMB's Fall 2018 Unified Agenda:

- In FY 2018, the Trump Administration saved a net \$23 billion in regulatory costs.
- In the same period, **the Trump Administration eliminated 12 regulations for every 1 new significant regulation passed.**
  - By contrast, the Obama Administration imposed a net \$245 billion in regulatory costs during the same time period.
  - In the last year, **the Trump Administration eliminated 176 outdated, unnecessary, or duplicative regulatory actions.**
- **Since President Trump took office, the Administration has provided \$33 billion in net regulatory savings.**

Under President Trump's leadership, the Administration has revived the American economy by getting rid of unnecessary, outdated, and duplicative regulatory burdens. Today, the President will meet with American workers from various industries to discuss the Administration's deregulation initiatives that have benefited them and the ongoing efforts to ensure Americans across the country live more prosperous lives.

More information below, including links to OMB materials and a White House fact sheet, on the Administration's efforts to cut red tape and unleash economic freedom.

# RED TAPE REDUCTION

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Since the day President Trump took office, Americans across the country have experienced the positive effects of pro-growth economic policies. A fundamental pillar of that success has been the Administration's regulatory reform agenda, which has prioritized eliminating unnecessary burdens and promoting common-sense regulatory policy. For far too long, families and businesses were burdened by regulations from Washington that frustrated THEIR American dream. Over the past twenty-one months, President Trump has delivered on his promise of reining in unnecessary regulations, making excessive federal overreach a policy of the past. Through these regulatory reforms, Americans once again feel they can confidently invest in their families, businesses, and future.



## \$23 BILLION IN COST SAVINGS

In Fiscal Year 2018, President Trump has saved \$23 billion in overall regulatory costs. Since taking office, the Trump Administration has achieved provided \$33 billion in net regulatory savings.



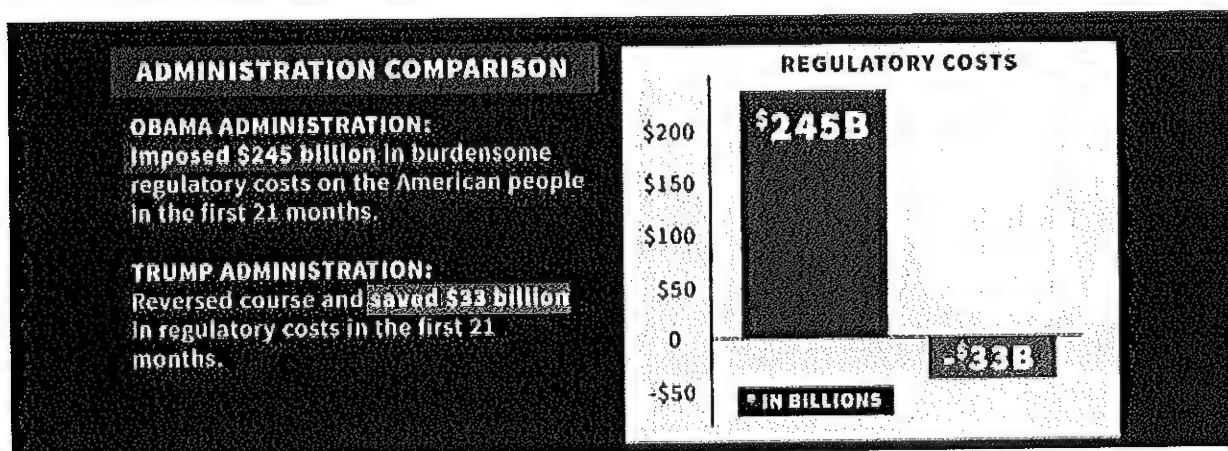
## 12-TO-1

Agencies across the Federal Government eliminated 176 outdated, unnecessary or duplicative regulatory actions and issued only 14 new significant regulatory actions in FY18 -- a ratio of 12-to-1.



## PLANNED OR WITHDRAWN ACTIONS

The Trump Administration withdrew or delayed 648 regulatory actions in FY18. Since January 2017, a total of 2253 regulatory actions have been delayed or withdrawn.



(From The 2018 Regulatory Reform Report, [Click to View](#))

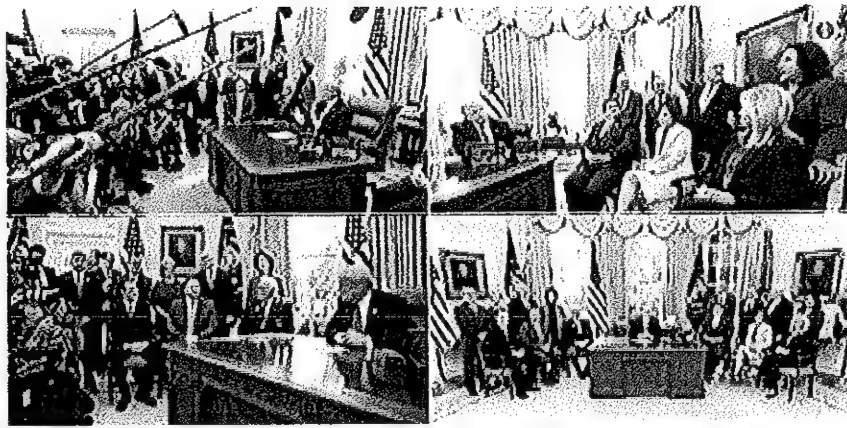
The 2018 Regulatory Reform Report: [Cutting the Red Tape, Unleashing Economic Freedom](#)


OMB Press Release: [Regulatory Relief Efforts Deliver \\$23 Billion In Regulatory Cost Savings](#)

Introduction to the Fall 2018 Regulatory Plan: [Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs \(OIRA\) Administrator Neomi Rao](#)

Full Agenda: [Fall 2018 Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions](#)

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"President Donald J. Trump is Following Through on His Promise to Cut Burdensome Red Tape and Unleash the American Economy"

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A common-sense approach goes a long way: The Trump Administration has saved more than \$23 billion since Fiscal Year 2018 by getting rid of Washington's unnecessary, outdated, and duplicative regulatory burdens.

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**Regulatory Relief Efforts Deliver \$23 Billion in Regulatory...**

The Trump Administration's regulatory reform efforts have saved American families and businesses \$23 billion in Fiscal Year 2018.  
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## **President Trump Is Following Through On His Promise To Cut Burdensome Red Tape And Unleash The American Economy**

*"An ever-growing maze of regulations, rules, restrictions has cost our country trillions and trillions of dollars, millions of jobs, countless American factories, and devastated many industries." – President Donald J. Trump*

**ENDING OVERREGULATION:** President Donald J. Trump is delivering on his promise to get rid of unnecessary, outdated, and duplicative regulations.

- The Trump Administration is releasing findings that show the President's regulatory reform efforts saved American families and business owners \$23 billion in fiscal year (FY) 2018.
  - This progress builds on the Administration's significant regulatory reforms in FY 2017.
- President Trump's historic regulatory reform is a complete change in direction, with Americans actually seeing an overall decrease in regulatory burdens.
- The Administration issued 176 deregulatory actions last year, eliminating 12 regulations for every new one according to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA).
  - The President has again exceeded his pledge to cut two regulations across the year for every new one.
- Since taking office, President Trump's efforts have achieved \$33 billion in regulatory savings.

- In a stark contrast, President Obama imposed \$245 billion in burdensome regulatory costs on the American people in his first 21 months in office.
- Businesses are finally being freed of Washington's overreach and the American economy is flourishing as a result.

**REAL RESULTS: President Trump's efforts to cut burdensome and unnecessary red tape are bringing real change and delivering real results for Americans.**

- The Department of Labor made it easier for small businesses to provide better health insurance to their employees through association health plans.
- The Department of Veterans Affairs greatly expanded veterans' ability to use telehealth services, giving them access to state-of-the-art healthcare everywhere.
- The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has taken action to free our fishermen from burdensome red tape while also promoting responsible fishing practices.
  - For instance, areas off the coast of New England have been opened to commercial sea scallop harvesting for the first time in years, netting an economic benefit of \$654 million.
- The Department of Health and Human Services reduced paperwork for nursing facilities, inpatient hospitals, and home health providers, saving \$8.2 billion in regulatory costs.

**DEREGULATION WILL CONTINUE: The Trump Administration will continue its bold reforms to roll back burdensome red tape in FY 2019.**

- President Trump's regulatory reform efforts are accelerating, and we will continue to take a responsible approach to addressing overly burdensome regulations in FY 2019.
- The Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have proposed amendments to existing Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards.
  - These amendments could save up to \$340 billion over the lifetime of new vehicles.
- The EPA and Army Corps of Engineers have proposed new rulemakings that would reassess the Obama Administration's burdensome "Waters of the United States" rule.
- EPA has proposed the Affordable Clean Energy rule, which would replace the 2015 Clean Power Plan (CPP).
  - In some scenarios, avoided compliances costs total \$6.4 billion compared to the CPP.

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**Subject:** The Most Comprehensive Review of a Supreme Court Nominee in History

All:

With the transmittal of the FBI's supplemental background investigation on Judge Kavanaugh to the Senate, please see the below.

### **Topline Message:**

- The White House has received the Federal Bureau of Investigation's supplemental background investigation into Judge Kavanaugh, and it is being transmitted to the Senate.
- With this additional information, the White House is fully confident the Senate will vote to confirm Judge Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court.
- With Leader McConnell's cloture filing, Senators have been given ample time to review this seventh background investigation. This is the last addition to the most comprehensive review of a Supreme Court nominee in history.

### **FBI Investigation:**

- We thank the well-trained professionals at the FBI for doing a professional job in conducting this supplemental background investigation.
- The FBI contacted 10 individuals, following up on relevant leads from potential eye witnesses. It conducted comprehensive interviews with 9 of them.
- While we cannot comment further on more details about the investigation, the White House is fully confident the Senate will feel reassured with this additional information and be prepared to vote to confirm Judge Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court.

### **Comprehensive Process:**

- With this 7th Background investigation from the FBI, the Senate has all it needs to vote to confirm Judge Kavanaugh.
- This has been the most comprehensive review of a Supreme Court nominee in history. It includes:
  - 7 FBI background investigations, including hundreds of interviews
  - 36 hours of testimony before the Senate
  - 65 meetings with Senators
  - More than 500,000 pages of Executive Branch documents, more than the past 4 nominees combined
  - Over 1,200 questions for the record

- A confidential hearing with Senators
- 3 confidential calls with Committee Counsel

#### Privacy Act:

- Unfortunately, the White House cannot release the contents of a background investigation.
- The rules surrounding this process are set by the Privacy Act and several memoranda from the Obama-era White House and Department of Justice with the Senate Judiciary Committee.
- These rules are in place so people can provide candid and confidential information to the FBI. Maintaining this confidentiality is very important to ensuring decision makers continue to receive this information on future nominees.

#### Statement from White House Spokesman Raj Shah:

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This is now the 7th. time the FBI has investigated Judge Kavanaugh. If we made it 100, it would still not be good enough for the Obstructionist Democrats.

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Wow, such enthusiasm and energy for Judge Brett Kavanaugh. Look at the Energy, look at the Polls. Something very big is happening. He is a fine man and great intellect. The country is with him all the way!

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**Cc:** Hasse, Sarah K. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** The Trump Administration Is Providing More Than \$70 Million To Help Bolster School Safety, Including In Your State

All:

This afternoon, through the Justice Department, the Trump Administration announced more than \$70 million in funding to support school safety. These grants, awarded through the STOP School Violence Act that President Trump supported and signed into law earlier this year, provide funding to bolster security at our nation's schools to help prevent and mitigate school violence. This is just the latest action being taken by the Trump Administration to secure our schools.

These funds were awarded in more than 40 states to dozens of law enforcement agencies, school districts, and other state and local institutions.

See below for a list of awardees in your states, and more below from the Justice Department's press release.

- STOP School Violence Threat Assessment and Technology Reporting Program (\$19 million)
- STOP School Violence Prevention and Mental Health Training Program (\$28 million)
- COPS School Violence Prevention Program (\$25 million)

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2018**

**NOTE:** The breakdown of the STOP School Violence Grants can be found here: STOP School Violence Threat Assessment and Technology Reporting Program, STOP School Violence Prevention and Mental Health Training Program,

and COPS Office School Violence Prevention Program.

## **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ANNOUNCES MORE THAN \$70 MILLION TO SUPPORT SCHOOL SAFETY AND \$64 MILLION TO IMPROVE STATE CRIMINAL RECORD SYSTEMS**

WASHINGTON – The Department of Justice today announced more than \$70 million in grant funding to bolster school security, educate and train students and faculty, and support law enforcement officers and first responders who arrive on the scene of a school violence incident. These grants are in addition to the funding to the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO), announced by Attorney General Sessions last week, to expand and update their curriculum to better support training programs. These grants combined will better protect students, teachers, faculty, and first responders across the United States. Additionally, the Department is awarding more than \$64 million to state agencies to improve the completeness, quality, and accessibility of the nation's criminal record systems, which will help law enforcement and increase the effectiveness of background checks.

"President Trump and his administration will ensure the safety of every American school," Attorney General Jeff Sessions said. "Earlier this year he signed into law the STOP School Violence Act, which provides grant funding to develop anonymous school threat reporting systems, to implement school building security measures, and to train students, school personnel, and law enforcement on how to prevent school violence. Today I am announcing \$70 million in these grants to hundreds of cities and states across America. These grants will go a long way toward giving young people and their families both safety and peace of mind."

The Office of Justice Program's (OJP) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) together are making more than 220 awards to jurisdictions across the country to help make schools more secure. The awards, granted through three funding streams, will provide new technology for reporting systems and other threat deterrent measures and create school safety training and education programs for school administrators, staff, students, and first responders. This includes the support for existing crisis intervention teams and the creation of new ones.

- BJA's STOP School Violence Threat Assessment and Technology Reporting Program will provide 68 awards valued at more than \$19 million. This funding supports training to create and operate threat assessment and crisis intervention teams and to develop technology for local or regional anonymous reporting systems. This technology may be in the form of a mobile phone application, hotline, or website.
- The STOP School Violence Prevention and Mental Health Training Program, also managed by BJA, will provide training and education on preventing violence and effectively responding to related mental health crises. This program will fund 85 awards at nearly \$28 million.
- The COPS Office School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) will provide nearly \$25 million to 91 jurisdictions for school safety measures including coordination with law enforcement, training for law enforcement to

prevent student violence against others and self, target hardening measures, and technology for expedited notification of law enforcement during an emergency.

The grants are authorized by the STOP School Violence Act, which are intended to improve school security by helping students and teachers reduce exposure to risks, prevent acts of violence, and quickly recognize and respond to violent attacks.

The Department also announced that it has awarded more than \$64 million to state agencies to improve the completeness, quality, and accessibility of the nation's criminal record systems. These grants are administered by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, part of OJP. Approximately \$43 million in funding will be administered through the National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP), and nearly \$21 million will be awarded under the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) Act Record Improvement Program. These grant programs help states automate and upgrade records accessed by the firearms background check system. This year, at the direction of the Attorney General, the Department prioritized funding for projects that improve accessibility of criminal history records, domestic violence convictions, and information on persons who are prohibited from possessing firearms for mental-health related reasons.

The Department is also investing over \$1 million in research to better understand the factors behind mass shooting incidents. The grant awards, made by the Department's National Institute of Justice (NIJ), part of OJP, support scientific investigations that will examine factors that contribute to mass violence, identify any patterns in mass shootings, analyze psychological and social life histories of mass shooters and community-level predictors of mass violence, and will examine firearm purchasing patterns of known mass shooters in order to create a risk prediction tool.

For addition information on today's grant announcements, visit [www.bja.gov](http://www.bja.gov) or [www.cops.usdoj.gov](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov).

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All:

At the White House today, President Trump announced \$90.9 million in Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program grants. These grants will go out to 731 local drug prevention coalitions, **the largest number of local coalitions for a single-year in the program's 20 year history.**

Below is more information on these grant awards, and full lists of all 731 grants are available at the Office of National Drug Control Policy's (ONDCP) website, under "FY 2018 DFC Grant Announcement". These grants are broken down by state and city, so you can see the community coalitions in your state that are receiving funds.

As always WhiteHouse.Gov and CrisisNextDoor.Gov have more information on what the Trump Administration is doing to fight back against the opioid epidemic.

## **The Trump Administration Is Taking Decisive Action To Protect Our Citizens and Combat the Deadly Opioid Crisis**

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- President Trump is focused on advancing policies that will improve the lives of all Americans. Every day, he is working tirelessly to fulfill his promise to the forgotten American men and women who have been overlooked by Washington for far too long.
- **Today, in honor of the 20 year anniversary of Drug-Free Communities Support Program grant awards and ahead of International Drug Overdose Awareness Day (Aug 31), President Trump's Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) is announcing \$90.9 million in grants to 731 local drug prevention coalitions.**
- The Trump Administration has taken bold action to tackle the opioid crisis head on. The opioid crisis touches Americans from all walks of life and drug overdoses are responsible for more deaths than either car accidents or gun violence last year. Addiction tears up American families everywhere from our inner cities to rural communities.
- This year's cohort represents the largest number of single-year grantees since the program's founding.
- The grants will provide local community coalitions funding to prevent youth substance use, including prescription drugs, marijuana, tobacco, and alcohol.
- The Tragic Facts About The Crisis Next Door:
  - The latest statistics suggest that approximately 72,000 Americans lost their lives to drug overdoses in 2017, which is a measurably smaller 10% increase in 2017 as compared to the 22% growth rate in 2016.

- Trafficked synthetic opioids are a rising threat. Synthetic opioids such as fentanyl are driving our drug death toll: overdoses due to fentanyl and other synthetic opioids spiked by almost 50% in 2017.
- Just recently, a Maryland State Trooper stopped a tractor-trailer carrying more than enough fentanyl to wipe out DC's population, as well as heroin and other drugs.
- In July, Border Patrol agents on our southern border made the biggest bust of fentanyl pills ever. A 19 year old male was stopped with a large stash of drugs hidden inside his car and Border Patrol agents found almost 11,500 fentanyl pills, as well as 61 pounds of methamphetamine and 14 pounds of heroin.
- Law enforcement in the Cincinnati region report that fentanyl is now being found mixed into many drugs, not just heroin. Over just three days, methamphetamine and cocaine laced with fentanyl put 36 people in emergency rooms.
- While President Trump has demonstrated decisive leadership confronting the opioids crisis, some are demonizing and smearing the brave men and women of law enforcement, who are on the frontlines combatting this crisis.
  - ICE and CBP play an indispensable role in the fight against illegal narcotics trafficking that is contributing to the country's deadly opioid epidemic.
  - In FY2017 ICE seized over 2,300 pounds of fentanyl and approximately 7,000 pounds of heroin. That's enough fentanyl to kill every single American citizen by overdose.
  - On a typical day in FY 2017, Customs and Border Patrol seized 5,863 pounds of narcotics and disrupted the transport of an additional 222 pounds.
  - In FY 2018, we saw nearly three times as much fentanyl reach the border than we saw in all of FY 2016.
  - 93 percent of heroin consumed in the United States was grown in Mexico and nearly 100 percent of that crosses the US-Mexico border.

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This morning, the EPA announced its proposed Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) rule, the replacement for the costly and burdensome Obama-era "Clean Power Plan." This follows through on President Trump's promise to stop and reverse regulations like the CPP, which harm American families and businesses.

Below is a fact sheet on the new rule. EPA also has some great material on its website, available [here](#).

## **President Trump Wants Reliable And Affordable Energy To Fuel Historic Economic Growth**

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**EMPOWERING STATES TO PROSPER: The Trump Administration is proposing the Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) Rule in order to restore the proper role of States under the Clean Air Act.**

- The ACE Rule – which will undergo public comment – proposes new emission guidelines for States to use when developing plans to limit greenhouse gases at their power plants.
  - This rule gives States the flexibility needed to construct diverse, reliable energy portfolios that best fit their specific needs.
- The ACE Rule proposes to reduce emissions and provide flexibility through four key actions:
  - Defining the "best system of emissions reduction" for existing power plants as on-site, heat-rate efficiency improvements.
  - Providing States with a list of "candidate technologies" that can be used to establish standards of performance, which can be incorporated into State clean air plans.
  - Updating the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) New Source Review permitting program in a way that encourages investments in innovative power plant technologies.
  - Aligning regulations to give States adequate time and flexibility to develop State plans.

**PROMOTING AMERICAN ENERGY DOMINANCE: The Trump Administration's ACE Rule promotes American energy dominance while ensuring environmental protections are in place.**

- The ACE Rule, if finalized, will significantly decrease bureaucratic red tape and compliance costs, keeping American energy affordable and competitive on the world stage.
  - The EPA projects that the ACE Rule could reduce compliance costs by up to \$6.4 billion compared to the Clean Power Plan (CPP).
  - The ACE Rule can achieve these savings while still reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- The ACE Rule will ensure that the United States remains the world's gold standard for energy production and environmental protection.

- Since 1970, the total emissions of criteria air pollutants regulated under the Clean Air Act have dropped 73 percent, while the economy grew over 260 percent.
- Total energy-related carbon dioxide emissions in the United States fell by 14 percent from 2005 to 2017, while global emissions increased over 20 percent.

**REPLACING BURDENSOME AND COSTLY REGULATIONS: The Trump Administration proposes replacing the Obama Administration's costly and overreaching CPP.**

- At President Trump's direction, the EPA undertook a review of the Obama Administration's overly prescriptive and burdensome CPP.
  - The CPP was challenged by 150 entities, including 27 States and 24 trade associations.
  - A bipartisan majority of the United States Congress formally disapproved of the CPP.
  - The Supreme Court issued an historic stay of the CPP before it could be implemented.
- The CPP's top-down approach to energy regulation would have unnecessarily raised electricity prices, harmed our economy, and cost jobs.
  - An analysis by the National Economic Research Associates found that the CPP could have caused double-digit electricity price increases in 40 States.
- The impact of the CPP would have been disproportionately felt by low- to middle-income Americans who, as a group, spend a larger percentage of household income on energy costs.

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State Leaders and Staff,

Below you will find an Op-Ed in the New York Times on Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh.

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**THE NEW YORK TIMES: "'BEST PROFESSOR.' 'VERY EVENHANDED.' 'GREAT HAIR!': BRETT KAVANAUGH, AS SEEN BY HIS LAW STUDENTS"**

*"[O]n the whole, in 12 sets of evaluations spanning 700 pages, there was almost only glowing praise for Judge Kavanaugh's teaching. More than a few students said he was the most impressive law school professor they had encountered."*

**'Best Professor.' 'Very Evenhanded.' 'Great Hair!': Brett Kavanaugh, as Seen by His Law Students**

By Adam Liptak  
The New York Times  
July 19, 2018

Anonymous evaluations of professors by their students can be caustic or catty. But they are also unfailingly candid, and collectively they paint a revealing picture of a teacher's strengths and weaknesses.

Over the last decade, about 350 law students at Harvard, Yale and Georgetown expressed views on classes offered by Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh, President Trump's Supreme Court nominee. With rare exceptions, they praised his mastery of legal materials, intellectual rigor, fair-mindedness and accessibility.

"I honestly believe I took a class that was instructed by a future Supreme Court justice," a Georgetown student wrote in 2007.

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[O]n the whole, in 12 sets of evaluations spanning 700 pages, there was almost only glowing praise for Judge Kavanaugh's teaching. More than a few students said he was the most impressive law school professor they had encountered.

"Significantly better than any full-time faculty I've had," a Harvard student wrote. "Kavanaugh is the best professor I have had in law school," wrote another. "Best class I've taken at HLS by a mile," said a third.

Judge Kavanaugh taught once at Georgetown and once at Yale but did most of his teaching at Harvard, where he was hired by Justice Elena Kagan, who was the law school's dean before her appointment first as solicitor general and then as a Supreme Court justice by President Barack Obama. Some Harvard students said his class attracted a larger than usual proportion of conservative students, particularly in the early years.

"There was a heavy Federalist Society tilt in the enrollment of the class," one student wrote, "but Judge Kavanaugh's presentation seemed very evenhanded."

Another student agreed. "While most of the class shared rather conservative views," the student wrote, "the judge presented the other side quite well, even though he likely shared most of those conservative views." The student added that "many of the HLS professors could learn from his acceptance of views across the political spectrum."

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At Harvard, he would typically teach during a brief winter term in January for 12 weekday mornings in a row. He mostly taught about the separation of powers, but recently, and perhaps propitiously, he turned his attention to the Supreme Court.

The classes were three hours long, and they generally started with a discussion of current events. In the afternoons, he held office hours, where students said they felt welcome to talk about the class, the law and their futures. Most nights, he invited six or eight students to dinner. There was a party the night before the last class.

He was, one student wrote, "the most accessible prof outside of class I have ever had." Another said that "access outside of class was simply unprecedented."

Ms. [Colleen Roh] Sinzdek went on to serve as a law clerk to Judge Merrick B. Garland, whose nomination to the Supreme Court was blockaded by Senate Republicans, and to Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. She said Judge Kavanaugh was supportive every step of the way.

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On Thursday, scores of Judge Kavanaugh's former students at Harvard released a letter describing him as "a rigorous thinker, a devoted teacher and a gracious person."

Judge Kavanaugh's class at Yale, in 2011, was on national security law. It included a field trip to Washington, where students attended a Supreme Court argument in a major separation-of-powers case and met with Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, whom Judge Kavanaugh now hopes to replace, and Paul D. Clement, a former United States solicitor general.

Fifteen students submitted course evaluations, and all contained superlatives. The class was "outstanding," "excellent," "my favorite," "the best," "possibly the best," "one of the most fascinating," "incredible" and "fantastic."

"It was very refreshing," one student wrote, "to have a professor who has some work experience and who is not liberal."

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[Read the full article here.](#)

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Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
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State Attorneys General Staff,

Below you will find a press release from the Department of Labor on an action you might find of interest.

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U.S. Department of Labor | July 17, 2018

## **U.S. Department of Labor Rescinds 2016 Persuader Rule**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – The U.S. Department of Labor has rescinded the 2016 Persuader Rule, which exceeded the authority of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act (LMRDA). The Persuader Rule impinged on attorney-client privilege by requiring confidential information to be part of disclosures and was strongly condemned by many stakeholders, including the American Bar Association. A federal court has ruled that the Persuader Rule was incompatible with the law and client confidentiality.

“For decades, the Department enforced an easy-to-understand regulation: Personal interactions with employees done by employers’ consultants triggered reporting obligations, but advice between a client and attorney did not,” the Office of Policy’s Deputy Assistant Secretary Nathan Mehrens remarked. “By rescinding this Rule, the Department stands up for the rights of Americans to ask a question of their attorney without mandated disclosure to the government.”

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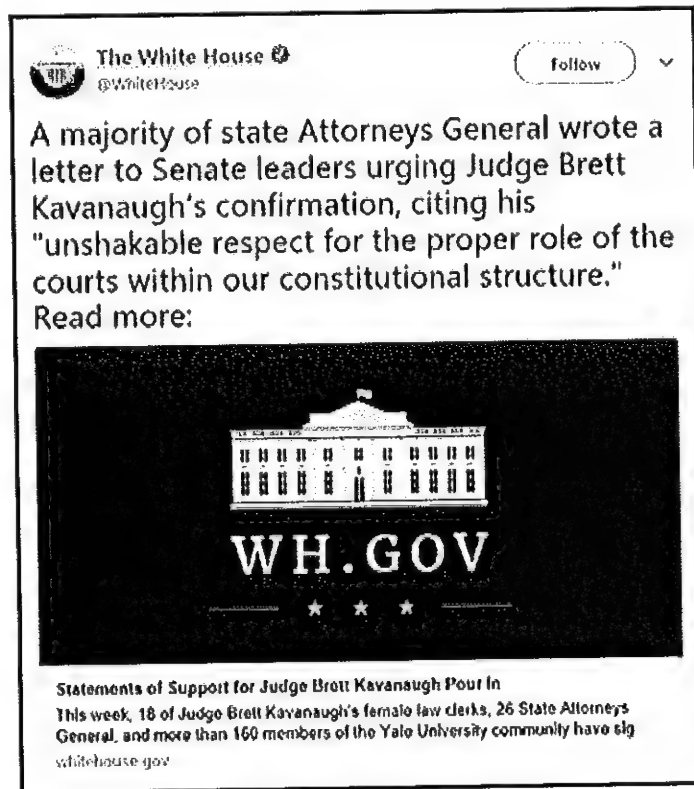
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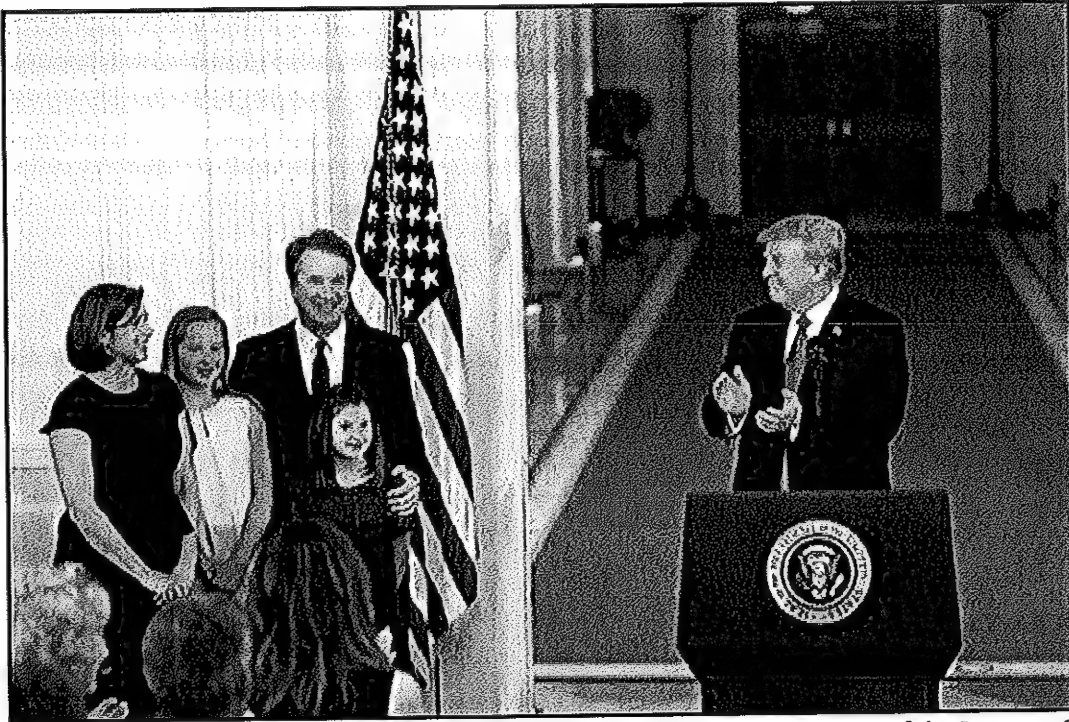
State Leaders and Staff,

Last week, President Donald J. Trump nominated Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court. Below you will find a wrap-up of information on Judge Kavanaugh.

- **BACKGROUND BRIEF** | Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh (Attached)
- **SUPPORTIVE LETTER** | 26 State Attorneys General Write Supporting Judge Kavanaugh (Attached)



- **WHAT THEY ARE SAYING** | Governors Issues Statements Supporting Judge Brett Kavanaugh
  - **WALL STREET JOURNAL** | "Kavanaugh's Collegial Nature Could Change Supreme Court's Tenor"
  - **SUPPORT** | Statements of Support for Judge Brett Kavanaugh Pour In (See Below)
  - **WHAT THE LEGAL COMMUNITY IS SAYING** | Judge Brett Kavanaugh's Nomination To the Supreme Court (See Below)
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*President Donald J. Trump announces Judge Brett Kavanaugh as his nominee for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States in the East Room of the White House on Monday, July 9, 2018, who was joined by his wife Ashley Kavanaugh and daughters Margaret and Liza. (Official White House Photo by Joyce N. Boghosian)*

#### **WHAT THEY ARE SAYING | Governors Issues Statements Supporting Judge Brett Kavanaugh**

- **Gov. Kay Ivey (AL):** "I applaud President Trump for his nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh clearly understands the proper role of a judge is to interpret the law as it is written and apply the law impartially."
- **Gov. Asa Hutchinson (AR):** "I like President Trump's nomination of Brett Kavanaugh for the Supreme Court. He is highly qualified & has demonstrated his dedication to the rule of law through his service on the DC Circuit. I am hopeful for his timely confirmation."
- **Gov. Doug Ducey (AZ):** "I want to offer my congratulations to Judge Brett Kavanaugh for being nominated by @realdonaldtrump to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. We're counting on Judge Kavanaugh to get a fair and speedy hearing by the U.S. Senate."
- **Gov. Rick Scott (FL):** "I am glad President Trump nominated Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court and look forward to learning more about his record."
- **Gov. Eddie Baza Calvo (Guam):** "On behalf of the people of Guam, Lt. Governor Ray Tenorio and I support President Donald J. Trump's nomination of federal Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh's experience and success in his duties make him a prime candidate for this prestigious position on the Supreme Court. We look forward to his approval by Congress and wish him the best during his nomination process."
- **Gov. Kim Reynolds (IA):** "A great pick by @POTUS @realDonaldTrump. Judge Kavanaugh is a highly respected jurist who will apply laws as written, not as he would write them. A great day for America, for our constitutional tradition & for the rule of law."
- **Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter (ID):** "In Judge Kavanaugh, President Trump has a SCOTUS nominee committed to upholding the Constitution, federalism, the rule of law and the proper role of government."
- **Gov. Bruce Rauner (IL):** "Our nation deserves a justice who is qualified, experienced, and will faithfully interpret and defend the Constitution. Judge Brett Kavanaugh has impressive credentials and he deserves a fair hearing and swift vote on his nomination."
- **Gov. Eric Holcomb (IN):** "Congratulations to Judge Brett Kavanaugh for his nomination to the #SCOTUS. The President has nominated a strong candidate who will uphold the Constitution & be a great addition to the court."

- **Gov. Jeff Colyer (KS):** "I could not be more thrilled that President Trump has selected Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve on the Supreme Court. For the first time in a long time we will have a majority of constitutional conservatives on the Supreme Court, who will defend liberty and adhere to the constitution as written. The Senate should move quickly to confirm Judge Kavanaugh to fill Justice Kennedy's seat."
- **Gov. Paul LePage (ME):** "As the person with the responsibility of appointing Maine's judges for the past seven-and-a-half years, I know how essential it is that our jurists have good character and are faithful to the Constitution. I strongly support the nomination of Judge Kavanaugh, There is a saying, 'As Maine goes, so goes the nation.' Maine's senior Senator Susan Collins embodies that saying. I am confident that Senator Collins, as she has done with prior judicial nominations, will vote upon the President's nominee based upon his qualifications and experience, not on partisan politics. I hope other senators do the same."
- **Gov. Mike Parson (MO):** "Thanks to @realDonaldTrump, America is one step closer to a Supreme Court that reflects our values. The senate should move swiftly to confirm Judge Kavanaugh."
- **Gov. Phil Bryant (MS):** "Judge Brett Kavanaugh is committed to the rule of law and will uphold the Constitution. @realDonaldTrump made an outstanding selection who deserves swift confirmation by the Senate."
- **Gov. Doug Burgum (ND):** "In Judge Brett Kavanaugh, @POTUS has nominated an eminently qualified, highly respected jurist who will fairly and faithfully interpret the law and Constitution as written. Here's hoping for a speedy Senate confirmation process."
- **Gov. Pete Ricketts (NE):** "Thank you to @POTUS for nominating Judge Kavanaugh — a jurist with a proven record of respecting the Constitution."
- **Gov. Mary Fallin (OK):** "Judge Brett Kavanaugh has a proven track record as the type of jurist that @realDonaldTrump has promised to put on the Supreme Court. He has shown he is fair, impartial, and faithful to the Constitution. He will be a great addition to the Supreme Court."
- **Gov. Henry McMaster (SC):** "I have no doubt that Judge Brett Kavanaugh will make an outstanding Justice of the Supreme Court and will strictly defend the rule of law. President Trump promised to nominate conservative judges who will strictly follow the Constitution and exercise restraint rather than activism, and once again he has done just that."
- **Gov. Dennis Daugaard (SD):** "Big Supreme Court news yesterday. It was great to join Mark E. Salter as he was sworn in as justice of the South Dakota Supreme Court. Looks like there was a good announcement in DC also."
- **Gov. Bill Haslam (TN):** "Judge Brett Kavanaugh is an exceptional choice by President Donald Trump for the Supreme Court, and if confirmed, will uphold the Constitution and defend the rule of law. Judge Kavanaugh is uniquely qualified to serve on the Supreme Court, and his record shows that he will apply the law as written and enforce the original understanding of the Constitution. We congratulate Judge Kavanaugh on his nomination and look forward to his swift confirmation."
- **Gov. Greg Abbott (TX):** "#SCOTUS nominee Kavanaugh gets prolonged & robust applause from Senators on his announcement. This bodes well for the strength of support he should get for confirmation. Kavanaugh brings substantial credentials to @Scotus."
- **Gov. Gary Herbert (UT):** "I hope the Kavanaugh confirmation can follow what we do in Utah, namely focus on judicial philosophy, track record, temperament and character, rather than politics."
- **Gov. Scott Walker (WI):** "Brett Kavanaugh is an excellent nominee to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court."
- **Gov. Jim Justice (WV):** "President Trump has made a great choice in Judge Kavanaugh to fill Justice Kennedy's vacancy on the Court. He has kept his promise to the American people and appointed another conservative judge who will uphold our Constitution and not decide the law based upon personal policy preferences. I strongly encourage Senator Shelley Moore Capito and Senator Joe Manchin to vote to confirm Judge Kavanaugh."
- **Gov. Matt Mead (WY):** "Like Judge Gorsuch who came from our own 10th Circuit, Judge Kavanaugh is an outstanding jurist. His record on the bench, his long public service career, and his volunteer work in the community are all impressive. Judge Kavanaugh will be a fine addition to the U.S. Supreme Court and my hope is that the confirmation process is completed without delay."



*Judge Brett Kavanaugh and his family look on as President Donald J. Trump signs a document on Monday, July 9, 2018, in the Treaty Room of the White House, naming Kavanaugh as his nominee to become the next Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. (Official White House Photo by Shealah Craighead)*

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**THE WALL STREET JOURNAL | “Kavanaugh’s Collegial Nature Could Change Supreme Court’s Tenor”**  
*“Judge Kavanaugh’s connection with nearly every justice, and his reputation as a straight-shooter even among those who disagree with him, suggests he would make the ride as smooth as possible.”*

**Kavanaugh’s Collegial Nature Could Change Supreme Court’s Tenor**

By Jess Bravin and Brent Kendall

The Wall Street Journal

July 15, 2018

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Judge Kavanaugh’s connection with nearly every justice, and his reputation as a straight-shooter even among those who disagree with him, suggests he would make the ride as smooth as possible.

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The next justice’s demeanor could calm an institution no longer entirely immune to the discord that now defines Washington.

“They say every time you get a new justice, the whole chemistry of the court changes,” said Daniel Epps, a law professor at Washington University in St. Louis.

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Last term alone, former Kavanaugh clerks worked for Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Kennedy, Samuel Alito and Elena Kagan. Justices Stephen Breyer and Neil Gorsuch each have hired a Kavanaugh clerk for the new term that begins in October.

In several recent years Judge Kavanaugh has joined with Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and other Democratic appointees for mock trials staged by Washington’s Shakespeare Theatre Company.

Judge Kavanaugh took pains to praise another liberal judge, Robert Katzmann of the Second Circuit in New York, when reviewing his book, "Judging Statutes," which advanced legal methods at odds with his own.

"Chief Judge Katzmann is one of America's finest judges and a true role model for me and many others, both in how he approaches his job and in how he seeks to improve the system of justice," Judge Kavanaugh wrote two years ago in the Harvard Law Review. "Even where I disagree, I have learned a great deal."

In response, Chief Judge Katzmann wrote, "I could not have hoped for a more thoughtful examination of the subject."

Should he join the Supreme Court, Judge Kavanaugh "already has built-in relationships. He's a voice the justices are going to be primed to listen to," said Luke McCloud, a lawyer at Williams & Connolly LLP who clerked for Judge Kavanaugh before clerking for Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

Mr. McCloud said that on the D.C. Circuit, Judge Kavanaugh "always tried to take his colleagues' views into account even when he disagreed with them."

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When Mr. Trump announced his nomination this month, Judge Kavanaugh tried to show that times had changed. He thanked Justice Kagan, a 2010 Barack Obama appointee, for hiring him to teach a course when she was dean of Harvard Law School.

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## SUPPORT | Statements of Support for Judge Brett Kavanaugh Pour In

This week, 18 of Judge Brett Kavanaugh's female law clerks, 26 State Attorneys General, and more than 160 members of the Yale University community have signed letters praising his unsurpassed qualifications for a seat on the United States Supreme Court.

Judge Kavanaugh's female law clerks speak highly of the support and mentorship that he has provided, stating unequivocally that he "has been one of the strongest advocates in the federal judiciary for women lawyers."

"Starting with the numbers, Judge Kavanaugh has hired 25 women and 23 men as law clerks, achieving rare gender parity. That includes one year in which the Judge hired four women law clerks—something we understand had never previously been done at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. And he has sent 21 of those 25 women clerks—an impressive 84 percent—on to clerkships at the Supreme Court. During his White House remarks on July 9, 2018, Judge Kavanaugh said: 'I look for the best.' We are proud that so many of those hires have been talented women."

A majority of the Nation's State Attorneys General are urging the United States Senate to confirm Judge Kavanaugh, describing him as "an outstanding jurist with a proven commitment to upholding the Constitution and the rule of law."

"We have no doubt that he possesses the qualifications, temperament, and judicial philosophy to be an excellent Associate Justice. Throughout his career, Judge Kavanaugh has demonstrated an abiding commitment to the principles and freedoms on which our country was founded, and an unshakable respect for the proper role of the courts within our constitutional structure. The Senate should confirm Judge Kavanaugh without delay."

Yale students, alumni, and faculty signed a letter highlighting Judge Kavanaugh as “a faithful servant to his community” and praising him as “one of our nation’s most distinguished jurists.”

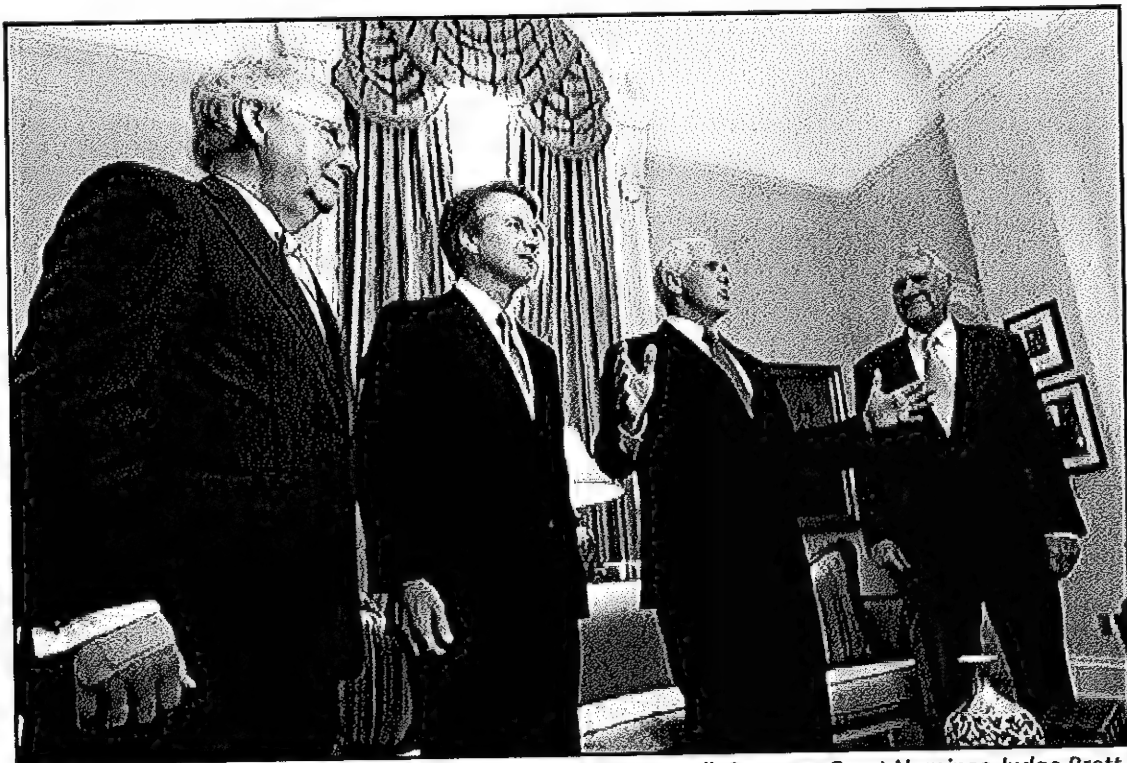
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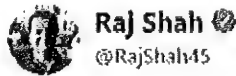
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By Amy Chua

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Judge Kavanaugh's clerks are racially and ethnically diverse. Since joining the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit in 2006, a quarter of his clerks have been members of a minority group. More than half, 25 out of 48, have been women. In 2014, all four were women—a first for any judge on the D.C. Circuit.

In the past decade, I have helped place 10 Yale Law School students with Judge Kavanaugh, eight of them women. I recently emailed them to ask about their clerkship experiences. They all responded almost instantaneously. They cited his legendary work ethic ("He expected us to work really hard, but there was always one person working harder than us—the Judge"), his commitment to excellence ("he wants every opinion that comes out of his chambers to be perfect; it is not uncommon to go through 30-50 drafts"), his humility ("He can take a great joke just as easily as he can land one"), and his decency ("I've never seen him be rude to anyone in the building").

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**THE INTELLIGENCER AND WHEELING NEWS-REGISTER (WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA): Manchin Should Back Nominee**

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**BOSTON HERALD: Nix the Toxic, Give Brett Kavanaugh a Shot**

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**NATIONAL REVIEW: A Worthy Pick**

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**THE WEEKLY STANDARD: Justice Kavanaugh?**

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**WHAT THEY ARE SAYING: CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR JUDGE BRETT KAVANAUGH'S  
NOMINATION TO THE SUPREME COURT**

**Senators**

**Sen. Dan Sullivan (AK):** "I've had the pleasure of knowing Judge Brett Kavanaugh for some time – dating back to when we worked together in the Bush administration. He is very well regarded as a judge on the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals – the second most important court in the country."

**Sen. Richard Shelby (AL):** ".@POTUS's #SCOTUSPick is an excellent choice. Judge Brett Kavanaugh has impressive credentials, and I look forward to meeting with him to further consider his qualifications & commitment to upholding our Constitution as it is written."

**Sen. John McCain (AZ):** "Judge Brett Kavanaugh has impeccable credentials & a strong record of upholding the Constitution. He is widely respected as a fair, independent & mainstream judge. I look forward to the Senate moving forward with a fair & thorough confirmation process."

**Sen. Marco Rubio (FL):** "Brett Kavanaugh is a qualified, mainstream jurist who possesses the right temperament and experience for the position, and I'm pleased to see his nomination to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court."

**Sen. Johnny Isakson (GA):** "Judge Kavanaugh is a talented & experienced jurist, and he shares a strong commitment to the Constitution & the rule of law. I look forward to ensuring that this highly qualified candidate is voted on by the Senate in time for the Court's next session."

**Sen. Joni Ernst (IA):** "Judge Brett Kavanaugh is a highly-qualified, well-respected justice committed to the rule of law."

**Sen. Jerry Moran (KS):** "As a former Supreme Court clerk for Justice Kennedy and current Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals since 2006, Judge Brett Kavanaugh is a well-qualified nominee with extensive experience in the legal field."

**Sen. Roy Blunt (MO):** "Judge Kavanaugh is a highly-qualified nominee with an outstanding legal background."

**Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith (MS):** "Judge Kavanaugh is a well-qualified conservative jurist, and I commend President Trump for his commitment to naming Supreme Court justices who are committed to the rule of law."

**Sen. Richard Burr (NC):** “In nominating Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, President Trump has put forth a highly qualified and respected candidate committed to the rule of law. Judge Kavanaugh’s credentials are impeccable, and as a judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit he has considered many of the most pressing legal questions of our time.”

**Sen. Ben Sasse (NE):** “Brett Kavanaugh is a serious jurist known for careful deliberation.”

**Sen. John Hoeven (ND):** “Judge Kavanaugh’s record shows a deep respect for and strict interpretation of the Constitution. Throughout his judicial career, Judge Kavanaugh has demonstrated a strong commitment to upholding the law, rather than legislating from the bench.”

**Sen. Dean Heller (NV):** “Judge Kavanaugh has a record of adherence to the Constitution and has demonstrated a commitment to interpreting the law – not making it.”

**Sen. Lindsey Graham (SC):** “Brett #Kavanaugh will be an outstanding Justice on the Supreme Court. I also want to congratulate President @realDonaldTrump on this great choice. What a great night for the American people!”

**Sen. Tim Scott (SC):** “Now, more than ever, we need a Supreme Court Justice that will uphold free speech, religious liberty, and the rights given by the Constitution. Judge Kavanaugh has an impressive resume, and I look forward to meeting him and learning more about him through the confirmation process.”

**Sen. Lamar Alexander (TN):** “The president has nominated a well-qualified jurist.”

**Sen. Ted Cruz (TX):** “By any measure, Judge Kavanaugh is one of the most respected federal judges in the country and I look forward to supporting his nomination to the Supreme Court of the United States.”

**Sen. Ron Johnson (WI):** “A Supreme Court justice ought to be a judge, not a superlegislator – applying the Constitution as written, not altering it to reach a result. President Trump nominated a person who fit that description in Justice Neil Gorsuch last year, and to my understanding Judge Brett Kavanaugh fits it as well.”

**Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (WV):** “Throughout his service, Judge Kavanaugh has demonstrated a strong commitment to the rule of law and to carefully considering the text and history of the Constitution, making him an ideal choice to be the next Supreme Court justice... I think President Trump made an excellent choice in nominating Judge Kavanaugh.”

### **Former President George W. Bush**

**Former President George W. Bush:** “President Trump has made an outstanding decision in nominating Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. Brett is a brilliant jurist who has faithfully applied the Constitution and laws throughout his 12 years on the D.C. Circuit.”

### **Members of the House**

**House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (CA):** “At every stage in his career, Judge Kavanaugh has demonstrated excellence that is worthy of the highest court in the land.”

**House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte (VA):** “With @POTUS’ nomination of Judge Kavanaugh to the #SCOTUS, he has chosen an individual w/ a distinguished career on the federal bench who has proven that he respects the Constitution’s place in our system of government. I urge the Senate to act swiftly on this nomination.”

**Rep. Mo Brooks (AL):** “President Trump made an excellent choice when he nominated Neil Gorsuch, and he has repeated his standard of excellence by nominating Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court.”

**Rep. Bradley Byrne (AL):** “As a fair legal mind, defender of the Constitution, and a judge on the D.C. Circuit, Brett Kavanaugh is prepared for a seat on the Supreme Court. I support President Trump’s nominee,

and I hope the Senate will move expeditiously to confirm Judge Kavanaugh, a high quality and uniquely qualified nominee.”

**Rep. Martha Roby (AL):** “This is truly a historic moment in our nation. I applaud POTUS’ decision to nominate Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve on the Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh is a conservative, experienced jurist who I believe will be a strict constitutionalist on the bench.”

**Rep. Steve Womack (AR):** “Tonight, @POTUS nominated Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court of the United States. I am confident he will continue to remain dedicated to conservative, constitutional values from the bench of this nation’s highest court.”

**Rep. Debbie Lesko (AZ):** “I’m pleased President Trump has nominated Brett Kavanaugh to the #SupremeCourt. He has a history of upholding the Constitution & the rule of law.”

**Rep. Darrell Issa (CA):** “Brett Kavanaugh is an exemplary choice for the United States Supreme Court. I am more than confident @realDonaldTrump chose the right person to replace Justice Kennedy. I call on my colleagues in the Senate to confirm him as expeditiously as possible.”

**Rep. Doug LaMalfa (CA):** “Brett Kavanaugh has established a track record of fighting regulatory overreach on the D.C. Court of Appeals since 2006, and he would bring those same values to the Supreme Court.”

**Rep. Doug Lamborn (CO):** “In Judge Kavanaugh’s career and professional experience, he has faithfully interpreted the Constitution and emphasized limited government. His conservative record is impressive, and I think President Trump made a great choice.”

**Rep. Neal Dunn (FL):** “In announcing Judge Brett Kavanaugh’s nomination for the Supreme Court, President Trump has taken another tangible step to secure the Constitution and ensure that the people of the United States remain preeminent, not the government.”

**Rep. Matt Gaetz (FL):** “I commend President Trump for his selection of Brett M. Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. He is an excellent jurist, with a deep and abiding reverence for the Constitution. I have no doubt that, when confirmed, Justice Kavanaugh will serve America’s highest court with honor and integrity.”

**Rep. Karen Handel (GA):** “President Trump made an outstanding conservative pick in Judge Brett Kavanaugh. He brings the legal acumen, bench experience, temperament, and will serve with jurisprudence while resurrecting the Constitution.”

**Rep. Austin Scott (GA):** “Judge Brett Kavanaugh will be an exceptional addition to the nation’s highest court. He has a reputation for respecting the Constitution & the rule of law, & I am confident he will serve with distinction.”

**Rep. Clay Higgins (LA):** “Judge Kavanaugh is an excellent choice. President Trump has again nominated a proven conservative Constitutionalist to the Supreme Court.”

**Rep. Darin LaHood (IL):** “The President’s nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court reaffirms that our Constitution will be strongly upheld within our nation’s highest court.”

**Rep. Rodney Davis (IL):** “Congratulations to Judge Brett Kavanaugh on being nominated to serve on the Supreme Court. He is an extremely qualified candidate who should be considered based on merit, not politics.”

**Rep. Jim Banks (IN):** “Brett Kavanaugh will uphold our Constitution, defend the right to life and respect religious liberty. I urge my Senate colleagues to swiftly confirm his nomination.”

**Rep. Todd Rokita (IN):** “I will fight alongside President Trump to ensure we secure Judge Kavanaugh as our next Supreme Court Justice and I am certain that he will strictly follow our Constitution and be a great asset to our Nation on the bench.”

**Rep. Jackie Walorski (IN):** “President Trump made an excellent choice. Judge Kavanaugh has impeccable credentials and a strong record of defending the Constitution. I have no doubt he will continue to uphold the rule of law and respect the sanctity of life as a justice of the Supreme Court.”

**Rep. Andy Harris (MD):** “Judge Kavanaugh is a fine choice to fill Justice Kennedy’s seat on the Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh is a brilliant legal mind, and is well suited to follow in the footsteps of Justice Kennedy, for whom he previously clerked.”

**Rep. Bruce Poliquin (ME):** “Brett Kavanaugh has an impressive tenure of service, as a jurist and as a clerk at the Supreme Court.”

**Rep. Paul Mitchell (MI):** “President Trump made a great choice in his selection of Judge Brett Kavanaugh as his nominee for the Supreme Court. I am confident that as a rule of law justice he will be a strong replacement for Justice Kennedy.”

**Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer (MO):** “Just as he did with the selection of Neil Gorsuch, President Trump has made an excellent decision in nominating Brett Kavanaugh.”

**Rep. Jason Smith (MO):** “Judge Kavanaugh strikes me as an extremely qualified man of character who will interpret the Constitution as written. One of the most important decisions a president will ever make is who to nominate to #SCOTUS, and every indication is @realDonaldTrump made a great choice.”

**Rep. Ann Wagner (MO):** “I applaud @POTUS’ nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the #SCOTUS. Kavanaugh is a thought leader amongst his peers with impeccable credentials who deserves a fair and swift confirmation hearing in the U.S. Senate.”

**Rep. Greg Gianforte (MT):** “President Trump has again nominated a constitutional conservative who will interpret our laws, not make laws from the bench. Given his background and record, I am confident Judge Kavanaugh will make an extraordinary justice who will adhere to America’s constitutional principles and protect our freedoms.”

**Rep. Ted Budd (NC):** “The selection of Brett Kavanaugh shows once again that the president is keeping his promise to put a serious constitutionalist on the court, beginning with Neil Gorsuch.”

**Rep. Mark Meadows (NC):** “The hallmark of a Constitutional judge is one who evaluates the law as it is--not as they believe the law ought to be. Tonight is a victory for America--because for the second time, @POTUS has delivered a champion of this principle with the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh.”

**Rep. Don Bacon (NE):** “Judge Kavanaugh’s credentials are impeccable and he has a proven track record of applying the law as written, as well as enforcing the text, structure, and original understanding of the Constitution, and as amended.”

**Rep. Warren Davidson (OH):** “President Trump promised to appoint someone with a deep reverence for the Constitution who defends the founding principles that made America great. Judge Brett Kavanaugh has earned widespread respect and now @POTUS nomination.”

**Rep. Keith Rothfus (PA):** “We need jurists who will interpret and uphold the Constitution as written instead of legislating from the bench. The law must also be applied equally regardless of personal opinion or political persuasion. Judge Brett Kavanaugh understands this.”

**Rep. Diane Black (TN):** “Judge Brett Kavanaugh has devoted his career to public service and protecting life - an outstanding choice by @realDonaldTrump!”

**Rep. David Kustoff (TN):** “I am very pleased to hear of @realDonaldTrump’s nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve on the Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh will be a great, conservative addition to the bench, and I urge the Senate’s swift confirmation.”

**Rep. Phil Roe (TN):** “Brett Kavanaugh appears to be a judge who believes in limited government, as our Founding Fathers intended... I thank President Trump for his commitment to nominating a principled judge, and I look forward to seeing a decisive confirmation process in the Senate.”

**Rep. Kevin Brady (TX):** “President Trump made a very strong choice in Judge Brett Kavanaugh, another qualified conservative voice like Judge Gorsuch, for the Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh is a well-respected, pro-life justice that believes in the rule of law and upholding the constitution.”

**Rep. Michael McCaul (TX):** “I support @POTUS’s selection of Brett Kavanaugh to be nominated to the Supreme Court. I urge the Senate to swiftly approve this qualified candidate.”

**Rep. Pete Olson (TX):** “I am pleased President Trump nominated Judge Brett Kavanaugh to take over Justice Kennedy’s seat on the Supreme Court. He has an outstanding reputation for respecting the Constitution and the rule of law. Judge Kavanaugh will be an exceptional addition to the Supreme Court. I encourage the Senate to act quickly to confirm him.”

**Rep. Pete Sessions (TX):** “Judge Brett Kavanaugh is a proven public servant and brilliant legal mind, and I have no doubt he will continue to uphold the rule of law as a member of the U.S. Supreme Court.”

**Rep. Lamar Smith (TX):** “With his pick of Judge Brett Kavanaugh, President Trump named a very qualified and distinguished jurist.”

**Rep. Randy Weber (TX):** “A fantastic choice. Judge Kavanaugh is extremely well-qualified. Wishing him the best as he begins the confirmation process.”

**Rep. Rob Wittman (VA):** “Fantastic pick by @POTUS tonight! Thrilled to see the President nominate a judge who has a proven record of protecting our inalienable rights, upholding the rule of law, and adhering to the Constitution’s original intent. I hope to see the Senate swiftly confirm Judge Kavanaugh.”

**Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA):** “I applaud and support President Trump’s decision to nominate Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court of the United States.”

**Rep. Sean Duffy (WI):** “.@POTUS is right: ‘the rule of law is a cornerstone of our freedom.’ He first found a Supreme Court Justice in Neil Gorsuch who believes just that, and Judge Brett Kavanaugh shows thus far that he holds that same sacred view.”

**Rep. Mike Gallagher (WI):** “Judge Kavanaugh is an outstanding #SCOTUS pick. He’s a highly respected jurist who holds the right judicial philosophy of stating what the law is, not what he thinks it should be.”

#### **State and Territory Officials**

**Gov. Kay Ivey (AL):** “I applaud President Trump for his nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh clearly understands the proper role of a judge is to interpret the law as it is written and apply the law impartially.”

**Gov. Asa Hutchinson (AR):** “I like President Trump’s nomination of Brett Kavanaugh for the Supreme Court. He is highly qualified & has demonstrated his dedication to the rule of law through his service on the DC Circuit. I am hopeful for his timely confirmation.”

**Gov. Doug Ducey (AZ):** “I want to offer my congratulations to Judge Brett Kavanaugh for being nominated by @realdonaldtrump to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. We’re counting on Judge Kavanaugh to get a fair and speedy hearing by the U.S. Senate.”

**Gov. Eddie Baza Calvo (Guam):** “On behalf of the people of Guam, Lt. Governor Ray Tenorio and I support President Donald J. Trump’s nomination of federal Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh’s experience and success in his duties make him a prime candidate for this prestigious position on the Supreme Court. We look forward to his approval by Congress and wish him the

best during his nomination process.”

**Gov. Kim Reynolds (IA):** “A great pick by @POTUS @realDonaldTrump. Judge Kavanaugh is a highly respected jurist who will apply laws as written, not as he would write them. A great day for America, for our constitutional tradition & for the rule of law.”

**Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter (ID):** “In Judge Kavanaugh, President Trump has a SCOTUS nominee committed to upholding the Constitution, federalism, the rule of law and the proper role of government.”

**Gov. Bruce Rauner (IL):** “Our nation deserves a justice who is qualified, experienced, and will faithfully interpret and defend the Constitution. Judge Brett Kavanaugh has impressive credentials and he deserves a fair hearing and swift vote on his nomination.”

**Gov. Eric Holcomb (IN):** “Congratulations to Judge Brett Kavanaugh for his nomination to the #SCOTUS. The President has nominated a strong candidate who will uphold the Constitution & be a great addition to the court.”

**Gov. Jeff Colyer (KS):** “I could not be more thrilled that President Trump has selected Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve on the Supreme Court. For the first time in a long time we will have a majority of constitutional conservatives on the Supreme Court, who will defend liberty and adhere to the constitution as written. The Senate should move quickly to confirm Judge Kavanaugh to fill Justice Kennedy’s seat.”

**Gov. Paul LePage (ME):** “Thank you @realDonaldTrump for your thoughtful appointment of Brett Kavanaugh to @Scotus to replace Justice Kennedy.”

**Gov. Mike Parson (MO):** “Thanks to @realDonaldTrump, America is one step closer to a Supreme Court that reflects our values. The senate should move swiftly to confirm Judge Kavanaugh.”

**Gov. Phil Bryant (MS):** “Judge Brett Kavanaugh is committed to the rule of law and will uphold the Constitution. @realDonaldTrump made an outstanding selection who deserves swift confirmation by the Senate.”

**Gov. Doug Burgum (ND):** “In Judge Brett Kavanaugh, @POTUS has nominated an eminently qualified, highly respected jurist who will fairly and faithfully interpret the law and Constitution as written. Here’s hoping for a speedy Senate confirmation process.”

**Gov. Pete Ricketts (NE):** “Thank you to @POTUS for nominating Judge Kavanaugh — a jurist with a proven record of respecting the Constitution.”

**Gov. Henry McMaster (SC):** “I have no doubt that Judge Brett Kavanaugh will make an outstanding Justice of the Supreme Court and will strictly defend the rule of law. President Trump promised to nominate conservative judges who will strictly follow the Constitution and exercise restraint rather than activism, and once again he has done just that.”

**Gov. Bill Haslam (TN):** “Judge Brett Kavanaugh is an exceptional choice by President Donald Trump for the Supreme Court, and if confirmed, will uphold the Constitution and defend the rule of law. Judge Kavanaugh is uniquely qualified to serve on the Supreme Court, and his record shows that he will apply the law as written and enforce the original understanding of the Constitution. We congratulate Judge Kavanaugh on his nomination and look forward to his swift confirmation.”

**Gov. Greg Abbott (TX):** “#SCOTUS nominee Kavanaugh gets prolonged & robust applause from Senators on his announcement. This bodes well for the strength of support he should get for confirmation. Kavanaugh brings substantial credentials to @Scotus.”

**Gov. Scott Walker (WI):** “Brett Kavanaugh is an excellent nominee to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court.”

**Lieutenant Governor Tim Griffin (AR):** “President @realDonaldTrump made an outstanding pick of

Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the #SCOTUS. He is one of the brightest legal minds in the U.S., has a stellar reputation and understands the proper role of the judiciary under our Constitution.”

**Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg (IA):** “Another outstanding SCOTUS pick by the President. Among the most important decisions a president can make.”

**Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor (OH):** “President @realDonaldTrump has made a wise choice for his SCOTUS nominee. Judge Kavanaugh’s history as a defender of religious liberty and a crusader for regulatory reform is impressive. Americans deserve to be protected from government overreach and I urge a quick confirmation.”

**Attorney General Leslie Rutledge (AR):** “Once again, President Donald Trump has appointed one of the country’s top legal minds to serve on the nation’s highest court.”

**Attorney General Mark Brnovich (AZ):** “We need judges who will interpret the law and not make policy from the bench. The courts have become too politicized. Kavanaugh is an excellent choice who will say what the law is, not what he wants it to be.”

**Attorney General Chris Carr (GA):** “I commend @POTUS for nominating Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. He is a well-respected jurist with a proven record of faithfully interpreting the rule of law. I congratulate Judge Kavanaugh and his family and hope for a quick confirmation by the Senate.”

**Attorney General Mike DeWine (OH):** “President Trump has nominated an outstanding candidate in Judge Brett Kavanaugh for a seat on the U.S. Supreme Court to replace Justice Anthony M. Kennedy. We need justices like Judge Kavanaugh who will interpret the law through the meaning of the written U.S. Constitution and not legislate from the bench.”

**Attorney General Jeff Landry (LA):** “President Trump promised to nominate conservative judges who will strictly follow the Constitution and exercise restraint rather than activism, and once again he has done just that.”

**Attorney General Bill Schuette (MI):** “What a great decision by President Trump in nominating Judge Brett Kavanaugh for the United States Supreme Court. He is a rule of law, experienced judge who is smart and respects the Constitution – as written.”

**Attorney General Josh Hawley (MO):** “Judge Kavanaugh is a remarkably qualified nominee for the Supreme Court. I have full confidence he will uphold the Constitution as the people wrote it, not impose his values from the bench. And that’s what the people deserve. The balance of the court turns on this nomination and I applaud the President for his thoughtfulness on this decision.”

**Attorney General Tim Fox (MT):** “President Trump made an excellent decision. Judge Kavanaugh is a brilliant jurist with a proven record of objectively interpreting laws and the Constitution. I urge the United States Senate to give this nomination adequate consideration, followed by swift confirmation.”

**Attorney General Adam Laxalt (NV):** “I applaud the President’s nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve on our Nation’s highest court. Judge Kavanaugh has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to the rule of law in reading the constitution according to its original meaning, rather than reinterpreting our constitution according to his own personal preferences.”

**Attorney General Alan Wilson (SC):** “Proud of @realDonaldTrump 4 nominating Judge Brett Kavanaugh. Great choice! I have appeared before him & he will be a great Sup Ct Justice”

**Attorney General Herbert Slatery (TN):** “I applaud President Trump for again keeping his promise to select a Supreme Court Justice with exemplary credentials-- conservative, very smart, and one who has an unwavering respect for our Constitution as it is written.”

**Attorney General Ken Paxton (TX):** “Brett Kavanaugh is an extraordinarily well-qualified Supreme Court nominee, in the mold of Justice Gorsuch, President Trump’s superb first pick for the high court. Judge Kavanaugh has distinguished himself as one of the nation’s leading constitutional scholars.”

**Attorney General Patrick Morrisey (WV):** “President Donald Trump continues to fulfill the promises he made to the American people by nominating Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh is a firm defender of the Constitution and is a highly-qualified jurist with impeccable credentials.”

**Attorney General Sean Reyes (UT):** “I applaud President Trump for nominating Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.”

### **Policy and Advocacy Organizations**

**60 Plus Association Founder and Chairman James Martin:** “President Trump’s nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court is the latest example of how this president continues keeping the promises he made to the American people... Brett Kavanaugh has an outstanding record of well-reasoned, tempered decisions from the bench and will continue to be an outstanding jurist on the Supreme Court. I have every confidence that Judge Kavanaugh will be true to the president’s goal of ensuring that the high court bases its decisions on the Constitution, not judicial activism.”

**CATO Institute Senior Fellow in Constitutional Studies Ilya Shapiro:** “Brett Kavanaugh is a strong pick for the Supreme Court. In his 12 years on the D.C. Circuit, Judge Kavanaugh has demonstrated a devotion to legal text and constitutional principle.”

**Concerned Women for America President and CEO Penny Nance:** “President Trump made a promise to the American people and, just as with the confirmation of Justice Neil Gorsuch, he is delivering on that promise. Judge Brett Kavanaugh is abundantly qualified to sit on the bench of the United States Supreme Court. He is among the best and brightest jurists on the appellate courts with a reputation of being fair and impartial in his decisions.”

**Club for Growth President David McIntosh:** “Judge Brett Kavanaugh is a superbly qualified choice with a proven commitment to conservative constitutional jurisprudence. President Trump has demonstrated his commitment to economic conservatism and the Constitution with his nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh today, just as he did last year with his nomination of Justice Neil Gorsuch.”

**Ethics and Public Policy Center President Ed Whelan:** “Congratulations to President Trump on his decision to nominate D.C. Circuit judge Brett M. Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. I very much look forward to Justice Kavanaugh.”

**Ethics and Public Policy Center Senior Fellow Peter Wehner:** “Brett Kavanaugh, a former White House colleague, is a spectacular pick, a man of tremendous intellectual and moral integrity. He’ll be a tremendous Supreme Court Justice.”

**Faith & Freedom Coalition Chairman Ralph Reed:** “Judge Kavanaugh is an outstanding and eminently qualified legal mind who will apply the law as written—not legislate from the bench—and who respects the Constitution and the rule of law.”

**Family Research Council President Tony Perkins:** “President Trump promised a constitutionalist – someone who will call balls and strikes according to the Constitution. Judge Kavanaugh has a long & praiseworthy history of judging as an originalist. We look forward to having a justice with his philosophical approach on the Court.”

**First Liberty Institute President and CEO Kelly Shackelford:** “Judge Kavanaugh has demonstrated in his time on the bench a deep respect for the proper role of the judiciary. His opinions have consistently adhered to our founding principles that government exists to protect the God-given rights of the people and the

Constitution exists to prevent government from infringing on those rights.”

**Freedom Partners Executive Vice President Nathan Nascimento:** “President Trump has again delivered on his promise to nominate a Supreme Court justice who will interpret the law, uphold the freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution, and refrain from legislating from the bench. Judge Kavanaugh will make an exceptional justice, carrying with him excellent qualifications and the judicial restraint worthy of our nation’s highest court.”

**FreedomWorks President Adam Brandon:** “Judge Kavanaugh is a fantastic choice to succeed former Justice Kennedy on the Supreme Court. Kavanaugh has proven to be a staunch conservative who has relied on originalism and textualism while serving on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.”

**Heritage Action Executive Director Tim Chapman:** “I applaud President Trump for fulfilling yet another campaign promise to nominate a Supreme Court Justice in the mold of Justices Scalia and Gorsuch who will impartially uphold the law and the Constitution as written. Brett Kavanaugh is a judge who will, based on his record, not legislate from the bench, but instead faithfully interpret the law, honor the separation of powers, and uphold and protect individual rights spelled out in the Constitution.”

**Heritage Foundation President Kay Coles James:** “Judge Brett Kavanaugh is known for many things – and fairness, impartiality, and faithfulness to the Constitution are chief among them ... Judge Kavanaugh will make an outstanding associate justice on the Supreme Court. I applaud the president on his choice and am grateful that he clearly understands the importance of fairness, impartiality, and faithfulness to the Constitution.”

**Heritage Foundation Distinguished Fellow and Former Attorney General Edwin Meese III:** “With the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, President Trump has chosen a man who will be another great justice. Brett Kavanaugh follows the same pattern as Neil Gorsuch, a fair and independent jurist who will faithfully apply the law as written and honor the Constitution. The American people deserve a swift confirmation by the U.S. Senate so Brett Kavanaugh can take his seat on the high court when it reconvenes for the fall term in early October.”

**Heritage Foundation Senior Fellow Mike Gonzalez:** “Judge Brett Kavanaugh is so the right choice. Unassailable.”

**Independent Women’s Forum Legal Fellow Erin Hawley:** “By nominating D.C. Circuit Judge Brett Kavanaugh, President Trump has fulfilled his pledge to put forward a judge who has demonstrated his commitment to the Constitution. A former law clerk to Justice Kennedy, whom he would replace, Judge Kavanaugh could not be more qualified.”

**Independent Women’s Voice President and CEO Heather Higgins:** “Trump goes for impeccable credentials in nominating Kavanaugh.”

**Jewish Coalition For Religious Liberty’s General Counsel Howard Slugh:** “As an organization devoted to protecting people’s ability to follow the tenets of their faith without interference from the government, JCRL welcomes this nomination and is confident that Judge Kavanaugh’s dedication to a consistent application of the original public meaning of both the Free Exercise and Establishment clauses will continue to secure this liberty for future generations.”

**National Federation of Independent Business President and CEO Juanita Duggan:** “Judge Kavanaugh has a proven record of interpreting the U.S. Constitution according to its original meaning and has ruled consistently against regulatory agencies whose interpretation of the law exceeds its statutory authority ... Every small business owner has a stake in the next Supreme Court Justice, and we support the nomination of Judge Kavanaugh.”

**National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference President Rev. Dr. Samuel Rodriguez:** “I join

millions of Americans in congratulating Judge Brett Kavanaugh on his nomination to the Supreme Court, a well-respected jurist widely regarded for his intellect, temperament, as well as for his dedication to the Constitution. While certainly conservative, Judge Kavanaugh is well within the mainstream of American legal thought and theory.”

**National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action Executive Director Chris Cox:** “President Trump has made another outstanding choice in nominating Brett Kavanaugh for the U.S. Supreme Court. He has an impressive record that demonstrates his strong support for the Second Amendment.”

**Republican Jewish Coalition:** “Congratulations to Judge Brett Kavanaugh and his family. @POTUS made another great pick. We look forward to his confirmation!”

**Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council President and CEO Karen Kerrigan:** “Judge Kavanaugh’s opinions have recognized the limits that the constitution and law place on the federal administrative state, and this is the type of judicial philosophy that will help to sustain liberty and economic freedom. Judge Kavanaugh is an impressive, mainstream selection that all members of the U.S. Senate should get behind and support.”

**Students for Life of America President Kristan Hawkins:** “Judge Brett Kavanaugh will bring balance to the court in background and in judicial temperament. [Kavanaugh’s] record of respect for the law is vital as so many activists attempt to use the courts to push their own social agendas ... This is no surprise selection. President Trump’s list of potential nominees has been available for all to examine, and in choosing Brett Kavanaugh, he is keeping a promise to the American people.”

**Susan B. Anthony List President Marjorie Dannenfelser:** “President Trump has made another outstanding choice in nominating Judge Brett Kavanaugh to replace Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, keeping his promise to nominate only originalist judges to the Court.”

**Tea Party Express Co-Founder and Chief Strategist Sal Russo:** “We are excited that President Trump has chosen an eminently qualified Supreme Court nominee like Judge Kavanaugh who has an extensive and respectable record. He has already been confirmed by the U.S. Senate for his appointment to the DC Court of Appeals, and he should receive a bipartisan vote from the Senate now.”

**Tea Party Patriots Action Honorary Chairman Jenny Beth Martin:** “President Trump has once again fulfilled his promise to nominate a fair and independent Supreme Court Justice who will honor the Constitution and the rule of law. Judge Kavanaugh has a stellar record as an originalist, and has proven to be a strong defender of the Second Amendment and freedom of speech and religion.”

### **Media Commentary**

**Axios’ Sam Baker:** “He’s gonna get confirmed.”

**CBS Chief Legal Correspondent Jan Crawford:** “He is a former law clerk for Justice Kennedy and he’s considered a conservative intellectual powerhouse. His nomination could give Republicans a chance to change the direction of the Court for years to come.”

**NBC’s Chuck Todd:** “I think this is a pick that is a very confirmable pick.”

**The New Republic’s Matt Ford:** “Kavanaugh will fulfill the decades-old goal of a reliable conservative SCOTUS majority.”

**NPR Legal Affairs Correspondent Nina Totenberg:** “He is ... an enormously skilled and very conservative jurist who as far as I can tell gets along with his colleagues very well.”

**USA Today’s Richard Wolf:** “On paper, Brett Michael Kavanaugh may be the most qualified Supreme Court nominee in generations.”

***The Washington Post* Columnist Michael Gerson:** “This is a truly excellent choice by the President. I know Brett Kavanaugh to be a man of character, decency and intellectual depth. He has the mind and temperament of a great Supreme Court justice.”

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Below and attached you find a press release from the White House Press Office.

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**President Donald J. Trump Announces Intent to Nominate Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court of the United States**

Today, President Donald J. Trump announced his intent to nominate Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit to fill the Supreme Court vacancy created by Justice Anthony Kennedy's assumption of senior status.

The nomination of Judge Kavanaugh comes after a selection process marked by an historic degree of transparency, including the President's public disclosure of a list of 25 highly qualified potential nominees to the Supreme Court.

Judge Kavanaugh has served as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit since 2006, authoring more than 300 opinions, including 11 that have been affirmed by the Supreme Court. Before becoming a judge, he served in the George W. Bush administration, first as an Associate Counsel and then Senior Associate Counsel, and subsequently as Assistant to the President and Staff Secretary. A graduate of Yale College and Yale Law School, Judge Kavanaugh clerked on the Supreme Court for Justice Kennedy, and for judges on the Third and Ninth Circuit Courts of Appeals. Judge Kavanaugh also served as a Counsel for the Office of Independent Counsel under Ken Starr and as a Partner at Kirkland & Ellis, LLP.

Judge Kavanaugh has earned a reputation as a brilliant jurist with impeccable legal credentials, and he is universally respected for his intellect, as well as his ability to persuade and build consensus. Judge Kavanaugh lives in Maryland with his wife Ashley and their two daughters.

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Please let us know if you have any questions.

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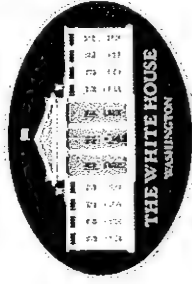
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## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW | Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh

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- Judge Kavanaugh is the single most qualified person in the country to serve on the Supreme Court. His credentials are impeccable. He currently sits on the D.C. Circuit—the “Second Highest Court in the Land”—and serves as the Samuel Williston Lecturer in Law at Harvard Law School. He graduated from Yale Law School and clerked for Justice Kennedy.
- Judge Kavanaugh has a proven track record as the type of jurist that President Trump has promised to put on the Supreme Court. With over 300 published opinions, what you see is what you get: a judge who will apply the law as written and enforce the text, structure, and original understanding of the Constitution.
- Judge Kavanaugh’s respect for people threatened by government overreach has demonstrated itself again and again, and he has often rejected attempts by the federal government to impose onerous regulations on private citizens.
- Judge Kavanaugh is a true “judge’s judge.” He’s a thought-leader among his peers on the appellate courts and deeply respected by the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court has endorsed his opinions more than a dozen times, including Kavanaugh dissents that have become the law of the land. His opinions are regularly cited by courts across the country. Of his 48 clerks, 39 have gone on to clerk at the Supreme Court. And one of his clerks (Britt Grant) is even on the President’s list of potential Supreme Court nominees.
- Together with Justice Gorsuch and others, Judge Kavanaugh coauthored *The Law of Judicial Precedent*, a lengthy treatise on the role and importance of *stare decisis*.
- Judge Kavanaugh has devoted his life to public service. He has spent 25 of the last 28 years serving the American people, most notably as Associate Independent Counsel, Associate White House Counsel, Assistant and Staff Secretary to President George W. Bush, and—of course—as a judge.
- Judge Kavanaugh is active in his community. He coaches CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) basketball, acts as a reader at his church, serves meals to needy families, and tutors children at local elementary schools.
- Brett M. Kavanaugh has served for over a decade as a federal judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit—referred to as the “Second Highest Court in the Land”—building a first-rate judicial record and reputation.
- Judge Kavanaugh is a brilliant jurist with impeccable legal credentials and a clear, effective writing style. He is universally respected for his intellect, persuasiveness, and ability to build consensus. He understands that the role



### State and Local Leaders' Statements Judge Kavanaugh

#### Governors

**Governor Kay Ivey (R, AL):** "I applaud President Trump for his nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh clearly understands the proper role of a judge is to interpret the law as it is written and apply the law impartially." July 9, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Asa Hutchinson (R, AR):** "I like President Trump's nomination of Brett Kavanaugh for the Supreme Court. He is highly qualified & has demonstrated his dedication to the rule of law through his service on the DC Circuit. I am hopeful for his timely confirmation." July 9, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Doug Ducey (R, AZ):** "I want to offer my congratulations to Judge Brett Kavanaugh for being nominated by @realDonaldTrump to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. We're counting on Judge Kavanaugh to get a fair and speedy hearing by the U.S. Senate." July 9, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Rick Scott (R, FL):** "I am glad President Trump nominated Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court and look forward to learning more about his record." July 9, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Eddie Baza Calvo (R, GU):** "On behalf of the people of Guam, Lt. Governor Ray Tenorio and I support President Donald J. Trump's nomination of federal Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh's experience and success in his duties make him a prime candidate for this prestigious position on the Supreme Court. We look forward to his approval by Congress and wish him the best during his nomination process." July 9, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Kim Reynolds (R, IA):** "A great pick by @POTUS @realDonaldTrump. Judge Kavanaugh is a highly respected jurist who will apply laws as written, not as he would write them. A great day for America, for our constitutional tradition & for the rule of law." July 9, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter (R, ID):** "In Judge Kavanaugh, President Trump has a SCOTUS nominee committed to upholding the Constitution, federalism, the rule of law and the proper role of government." July 10, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Bruce Rauner (R, IL):** "Our nation deserves a justice who is qualified, experienced, and will faithfully interpret and defend the Constitution. Judge Brett Kavanaugh has impressive credentials and he deserves a fair hearing and swift vote on his nomination." July 9, 2018.

[Source](#)

**Governor Eric Holcomb (R, IN):** "Congratulations to Judge Brett Kavanaugh for his nomination to the #SCOTUS. The President has nominated a strong candidate who will uphold the Constitution & be a great addition to the court." July 9, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Jeff Colyer (R, KS):** "I could not be more thrilled that President Trump has selected Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve on the Supreme Court. For the first time in a long time we will have a majority of constitutional conservatives on the Supreme Court, who will defend liberty and adhere to the constitution as written. The Senate should move quickly to confirm Judge Kavanaugh to fill Justice Kennedy's seat." July 9, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Paul LePage (R, ME):** "Thank you @realDonaldTrump for your thoughtful appointment of Brett Kavanaugh to @Scotus to replace Justice Kennedy." July 9, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Mike Parson (R, MO):** "Thanks to @realDonaldTrump, America is one step closer to a Supreme Court that reflects our values. The senate should move swiftly to confirm Judge Kavanaugh." July 9, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Phil Bryant (R, MS):** "Judge Brett Kavanaugh is committed to the rule of law and will uphold the Constitution. @realDonaldTrump made an outstanding selection who deserves swift confirmation by the Senate." July 9, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Doug Burgum (R, ND):** "In Judge Brett Kavanaugh, @POTUS has nominated an eminently qualified, highly respected jurist who will fairly and faithfully interpret the law and Constitution as written. Here's hoping for a speedy Senate confirmation process." July 9, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Pete Ricketts (R, NE):** "Thank you to @POTUS for nominating Judge Kavanaugh — a jurist with a proven record of respecting the Constitution." July 9, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Henry McMaster (R, SC):** "I have no doubt that Judge Brett Kavanaugh will make an outstanding Justice of the Supreme Court and will strictly defend the rule of law. President Trump promised to nominate conservative judges who will strictly follow the Constitution and exercise restraint rather than activism, and once again he has done just that. Democrats in the Senate should do what is right for the country and join their Republican colleagues in confirming Judge Kavanaugh before the Supreme Court." July 9, 2018. [Tweet 1](#), [Tweet 2](#), [Tweet 3](#)

**Governor Bill Haslam (R, TN):** "Judge Brett Kavanaugh is an exceptional choice by President Donald Trump for the Supreme Court, and if confirmed, will uphold the Constitution and defend the rule of law. Judge Kavanaugh is uniquely qualified to serve on the Supreme Court, and his record shows that he will apply the law as written and enforce the original understanding of the Constitution. We congratulate Judge Kavanaugh on his nomination and look forward to his swift confirmation." July 10, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Greg Abbott (R, TX):** "#SCOTUS nominee Kavanaugh gets prolonged & robust applause from Senators on his announcement. This bodes well for the strength of support he should get for confirmation. Kavanaugh brings substantial credentials to @Scotus." July 9, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Scott Walker (R, WI):** "Brett Kavanaugh is an excellent nominee to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court." July 9, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Mary Fallin (R, OK):** She tweeted, "Judge Brett Kavanaugh has a proven track record as the type of jurist that @realDonaldTrump has promised to put on the Supreme Court. He has shown he is fair, impartial, and faithful to the Constitution. He will be a great addition to the Supreme Court." [Source](#).

**Governor Dennis Daugaard (R, SD):** He tweeted, "Big Supreme Court news yesterday. It was great to join Mark E. Salter as he was sworn in as justice of the South Dakota Supreme Court. Looks like there was a good announcement in DC also." [Source](#).

**Governor Jim Justice (R, WV):** In a press release, Governor Justice said: "President Trump has made a great choice in Judge Kavanaugh to fill Justice Kennedy's vacancy on the Court," Gov. Justice said. "He has kept his promise to the American people and appointed another conservative judge who will uphold our Constitution and not decide the law based upon personal policy preferences. I strongly encourage Senator Shelley Moore Capito and Senator Joe Manchin to vote to confirm Judge Kavanaugh." [Source](#)

**Governor Gary Herbert (R, UT):** "I hope the Kavanaugh confirmation can follow what we do in Utah, namely focus on judicial philosophy, track record, temperament and character, rather than politics." [Source](#)

**Governor Matt Mead (R, WY) –** "Like Judge Gorsuch who came from our own 10th Circuit, Judge Kavanaugh is an outstanding jurist. His record on the bench, his long public service career, and his volunteer work in the community are all impressive. Judge Kavanaugh will be a fine addition to the U.S. Supreme Court and my hope is that the confirmation process is completed without delay." [Source](#) July 10, 2018.

**Governor Paul LePage (R, ME):** "As the person with the responsibility of appointing Maine's judges for the past seven-and-a-half years, I know how essential it is that our jurists have good character and are faithful to the Constitution. I strongly support the nomination of Judge Kavanaugh, There is a saying, 'As Maine goes, so goes the nation.' Maine's senior Senator Susan Collins embodies that saying. I am confident that Senator Collins, as she has done with prior judicial nominations, will vote upon the President's nominee based upon his qualifications and experience, not on partisan politics. I hope other senators do the same."

**Governor's Letter to Senator Mitch McConnell and Charles Schumer:** Thirty-one Governors signed a letter written in support of President Trump's nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh. The Governors are: Gov. Bill Haslam (R, TN), Gov. Kay Ivey (R, AL), Gov. Doug Ducey (R, AZ), Gov. Asa Hutchinson (R, AR), Gov. Rick Scott (R, FL), Gov. Nathan Deal (R, GA), Gov. Edward Calvo (R, GU), Gov. Butch Otter (R, ID), Gov. Eric Holcomb (R, IN), Gov. Kim Reynolds (R, IA), Gov. Jeff Colyer (R, KS), Gov. Matt Bevin (R, KY), Gov. Paul LePage (R, ME), Gov. Rick Snyder (R, MI), Gov. Phil Bryant (R, MS), Gov. Michael Parson (R, MO), Gov. Pete Ricketts (R, NE), Gov. Brian Sandoval (R, NV), Gov. Christopher Sununu (R, NH), Gov. Susana Martinez (R, NM), Gov. Doug Burgum (R, ND), Gov. Ralph Torres (R, CNMI), Gov. John Kasich (R, OH), Gov. Mary Fallin (R, OK), Gov. Henry McMaster (R, SC), Gov. Dennis Daugaard (R, SD), Gov. Greg Abbott (R, TX), Gov. Gary Herbert (R, UT), Gov. Jim Justice (R, WV), Gov. Scott Walker (R, WI), and Gov. Matthew Mead (R, WY). July 25, 2018.

**Governor Rick Snyder (R, MI) –** "I appreciate the President's recommendation of Judge Kavanaugh to serve on the highest court in the land. Judge Kavanaugh's credentials and former opinions demonstrate his commitment to the interpretation of the law as written, and he is an outstanding choice for associate justice. I encourage the Senate to hold hearings swiftly to confirm Judge Kavanaugh." [Source](#): IGA Inbox. July 25, 2018.

**Governor Phil Bryant (R, MS):** "On July 9, President Donald Trump nominated Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh to replace Justice Anthony Kennedy on the United States Supreme Court. The President promised to select a candidate who would apply the law and rely on the Constitution in order to deliver justice. President Trump kept that promise. Judge Kavanaugh's credentials are impeccable." Governor Bryant's full op-ed can be found [here](#).

**Governor Bruce Rauner (R, IL):** "I support the nomination of Judge Kavanaugh. I believe he is highly experienced, well-qualified for the position, and I hope that his nomination is voted on and approved expeditiously," Rauner told reporters on July 10 in Schaumburg after touring Amada America, Inc. Hours after the letter was reported, the Rauner campaign said the Republican Governors Association would be adding Rauner's signature to the letter. [Source](#)

**Governor Jeff Colyer (R, KS):** "Earlier this month, [@POTUS](#) nominated Brett Kavanaugh to be the next Supreme Court Justice. I am proud to have signed this letter of support along with 31 of my fellow Republican Governors. [#ksleg #ksgov](#)" July 26, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Dennis Daugaard (R, SD):** "I am joining 31 of my fellow governors to urge the confirmation of Judge Kavanaugh. [#KavanaughSCOTUS](#)" July 26, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Doug Burgum (R, ND):** "This week I joined 31 fellow governors in urging the Senate to expeditiously confirm the highly qualified and well-respected Judge Brett Kavanaugh for the U.S. Supreme Court." July 26, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Phil Bryant (R, MS):** "President [realDonaldTrump](#) promised to select a candidate for U.S. Supreme Court who would apply the law and rely on the Constitution in order to deliver justice. With the nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh, the President kept his promise." July 26, 2018. [Source](#)

#### Lieutenant Governors

**Lt. Gov. Brad Little (R, ID) ---** "In nominating Judge Brett Kavanaugh, President Trump has selected the most qualified and accomplished jurist in the nation to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Justice Anthony Kennedy. In his service on the bench, Judge Kavanaugh has a clear track record of interpreting the plain text of the Constitution, and not usurping power from the People or their representatives. I urge the U.S. Senate to swiftly confirm Judge Kavanaugh."

**Lt. Gov. John Sanchez (R, NM) --** "Brett Kavanaugh has proven to be committed to upholding the rule of law, and has served on the United States Court of Appeals, with integrity and consistency. I stand in full support of the President's nomination and encourage the Senate to conduct confirmation hearings and approve his nomination."

**Lt. Gov. Tim Griffin (R, AR):** "President [realDonaldTrump](#) made an outstanding pick of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the [#SCOTUS](#). He is one of the brightest legal minds in the U.S., has a stellar reputation and understands the proper role of the judiciary under our Constitution." [Source](#)

**Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg (R, IA):** "Another outstanding SCOTUS pick by the President. Among the most important decisions a president can make."  
Source

**Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor (R, OH):** "President @realDonaldTrump has made a wise choice for his SCOTUS nominee. Judge Kavanaugh's history as a defender of religious liberty and a crusader for regulatory reform is impressive. Americans deserve to be protected from government overreach and I urge a quick confirmation." Source

**Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick (R, TX):** He tweeted, "President Trump has made a terrific appointment. Judge Brett Kavanaugh is an impressive judge w/ widespread support from senators, including @JohnCornyn & @tedcruz. He will be a principled addition to the Supreme Court. Can you imagine who Hillary Clinton would have appointed?" Source.

**Lt. Gov. Mitch Carmichael (R, WV):** He said in a press release, "This selection underscores President Trump's commitment to appointing strong, conservative judges who believe their purpose is to faithfully interpret the law, not attempt to legislate from the bench. We are blessed to have a President who understands the critical role the judiciary has in shaping the direction of a country." Source.

**Lt. Governor Todd Lamb (R, OK) –** "I believe Judge Kavanaugh will be an outstanding justice, and I applaud President Trump for his nomination. Judge Kavanaugh's resume is extremely impressive, and he is exceptionally qualified to serve on the nation's highest court. He will be a fair and impartial judge who will base his opinions strictly on the rule of law while protecting the separation of powers that is paramount to our democracy. It is my hope the United States Senate will confirm Judge Kavanaugh in a timely and fair fashion." July 10, 2018.

**Lt. Governor Kevin Bryant (R, SC) –** "Congratulations President Trump on another phenomenal Supreme Court pick. Liberals, both Democrats and Republicans, for years have used the Supreme Court as a convenient excuse to avoid fighting for the unborn. That excuse expired last night. Brett Kavanaugh will be confirmed as the next U.S. Supreme Court Justice, and then South Carolina must lead that fight to reaffirm the first right, the right to life, for unborn children. I look forward to the Personhood Act becoming law next year with the full-throated endorsement and support of all Republicans in the South Carolina Statehouse." Source. July 10, 2018.

**Lt. Governor Ray Tenorio (R, GU):** "On behalf of the people of Guam, Lt. Governor Ray Tenorio and I support President Donald J. Trump's nomination of federal Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh's experience and success in his duties make him a prime candidate for this prestigious position on the Supreme Court. We look forward to his approval by Congress and wish him the best during his nomination process." Source

**Lt. Governor Brent Sanford (R, ND):** "Incredibly pleased by @POTUS's nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to SCOTUS. A well-respected jurist we can trust to fairly interpret the law and Constitution, not attempt to legislate from the bench. Urging the Senate to move quickly to confirm this highly qualified nominee." Source

**Lieutenant Governor Tracey Mann (R, KS):** "I urge the Senate to move to confirm @POTUS pick for @Scotus, @BrettKavanaugh. Judge Kavanaugh will do an excellent job and is highly qualified. For the first time in a long while we can have a constitutional conservative majority who will interpret our laws as written. #ksleg." July 12, 2018 Source

**Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti (R, IL):** "[#JudgeKavanaugh's track record of faithful adherence to the Constitution and unbiased interpretation of the laws of the United States is beyond impressive. I strongly urge the Senate to confirm Judge Kavanaugh. #ScotusPick](#)" July 12, 2018. [Source](#)

**Lt Governor Dan Forest (R, NC) — 1.** "I am very pleased with the selection. I think that what you are going to see in Kavanaugh is the same thing we see in Gorsuch, here is an individual who cares about the words of the Constitution. He had a line in one of the books he wrote that went something like this, 'The words of the Constitution are the law. We do not have the right to transpose different words into the Constitution, or our opinion into it. I like that, he is a constitutional originalist that is the way it is supposed to be, allow congress, allow the lawmakers to make the law and allow the judges to interpret it based on the actual words in the Constitution. That is really good for America and that is really good for the world when you have a body of judges who are actually going to judge the law not based on their opinion and not legislate from the bench.'" [Source.](#) July 16, 2018.

**Lt. Governor Tim Griffin (R, AR): Op-ed:** By nominating Judge Brett Kavanaugh, President Trump has chosen a nominee with impeccable qualifications who falls squarely within the mainstream of American legal thought and interpretation...Judge Kavanaugh has the brilliant legal mind we should require of a Supreme Court justice." Lieutenant Governor Griffin's full op-ed can be found [here](#).

**Lieutenant Governor Randy McNally (R, TN):** "Brett Kavanaugh was a great teacher. He will be an even better Supreme Court Justice. We need individuals with strong legal minds and strong character on #SCOTUS. We need Kavanaugh."

**Lt. Governor Brian Calley (R, MI) —** "Judge Kavanaugh is a tremendous choice to serve as the next justice of the Supreme Court. He has a clear record of upholding our nation's Constitution and President Trump did an outstanding job in his selection. I hope the United States Senate will act to confirm Judge Kavanaugh very soon." [Source:](#) IGA Inbox. July 25, 2018.

#### **Attorneys General**

**Attorney General Derek Schmidt (R, KS):** "Justice Kennedy's long and distinguished legal career has contributed significantly to shaping modern American history. On a personal level, arguing before him has been a highlight of my service as attorney general. With Justice Kennedy's retirement, the last of Ronald Reagan's appointees to the Supreme Court will be gone, but the legacy of President Reagan's fidelity to constitutionally conservative jurisprudence lives on. With important issues pending before the Court, including some from Kansas, I trust that legacy will be reflected in President Trump's nominee." [Source.](#) June 27, 2018.

**Attorney General Bill Schuette (R, MI):** "Another Opportunity for President Trump to appoint a rule of law Justice to the Supreme Court. Another reason it was important to beat Hillary and not abandon Donald Trump in 2016." [Source.](#) June 27, 2018.

**Attorney General Josh Hawley (R, MO):** "The future of our country is on the line at the United States Supreme Court... and this fall, the United States Supreme Court is on the ballot." He also said, "This President is going to appoint a justice who will turn the court in a new direction." Additionally, he said, "It will be this President, in conjunction with the Senate, who changes the Supreme Court, that will change the direction of

our country... Whether it's immigration, whether it's religious liberty, whether it is the right to life or the right to speak freely –the right to follow our beliefs in every area of life, to go into the marketplace, to go into the business place and be who we are –every single one of these issues is tied up with the United States Supreme Court.” Source. June 28, 2018.

**Attorney General Ken Paxton (R, TX):** “What a day for America – Justice Kennedy is retiring from #SCOTUS! Here is another reminder of what a difference @realDonaldTrump winning the election has made.” Source. June 27, 2018.

**Attorney General Sean Reyes (R, UT):** “So excited POTUS considering Sen. Mike Lee & Justice Tom Lee among some other amazing individuals 4 SCOTUS. USA would be fortunate to have either on High Court. #utpol @realDonaldTrump.” Source. June 29, 2018.

**Attorney General TJ Donovan (D, VT):** “The stream of bad news from SCOTUS this week has been disheartening. We must demand that Justice Kennedy’s replacement respects the rights of women. We must do all we can to ensure President Trump doesn’t turn back the clock.” He also said, “We need to make sure President Trump doesn’t turn back the clock. We need to raise our voices and ensure that the next Supreme Court Justice will protect Women’s reproductive rights.” Source. June 28, 2018.

**Attorney General Patrick Morrisey (R, WV):** “The Supreme Court is one of the most important reasons why we must win this Senate seat. Defeating @joemanchinwv means @realDonaldTrump will have an ally in the Senate who will continue confirming his highly-qualified Supreme Court and judicial picks. Senator Schumer has already made it clear he wants to block consideration of a @realDonaldTrump nominee for the Supreme Court. Why won't @JoeManchinWV resign from the liberal Schumer leadership team which continues to obstruct Trump? Today's Supreme Court news underscores why it was so important to support @realDonaldTrump in 2016. Don't forget, if Joe Manchin had his way, Hillary Clinton would be on her way to appointing her second radical Supreme Court Justice. Joe Manchin's liberal record: If he got his wish in 2016, Hillary Clinton would be President right now. Could you imagine how radical her picks for the Supreme Court would be? Keep in mind: Regardless of how Joe Manchin votes on SCOTUS nominee, he spent years confirming Obama's judges and he wanted Hillary Clinton in the White House filling the Supreme Court with her radical liberal Justices.” First Source. June 27, 2018. Second Source. June 27, 2018. Third Source. June 27, 2018. Fourth Source. June 27, 2018. Fifth Source. June 28, 2018. Sixth Source. June 28, 2018.

**Attorney General Mark Brnovich (R, AZ) -** He tweeted, “We need judges who will interpret the law and not make policy from the bench. The courts have become too politicized. Kavanaugh is an excellent choice who will say what the law is, not what he wants it to be.” He retweeted this tweet on his personal account. Source

**Attorney General Pam Bondi (R, FL) –** “Judge Brett Kavanaugh is an extraordinary choice for the Supreme Court. I have known and respected him for years for his brilliant legal mind, but he is so much more. The best part of him won't be found in his hundreds of thoughtful judicial opinions. The best part of him will be found in his devotion to his family, friends, church, and community. I hope the American people will come to know that man. He will make them proud.” Source. July 10, 2018. Second Source.

**Attorney General Mike Hunter (R, OK) –** “I commend President Trump on his excellent choice of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve on the nation's high court. With over 300 published opinions, Judge Kavanaugh has built a solid judicial record and is uniquely qualified to serve in this role. He has

demonstrated throughout his career to be an impartial and fair judge, who rules based on the law, not politics or emotion. Judge Kavanaugh is a staunch defender of religious liberties and has a proven track record of preserving the separation of powers, threatened by overreaching federal regulatory agencies. To give just one example, I have argued many times that the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection created by the Dodd-Frank law is unconstitutional, and Judge Kavanaugh's monumental opinion demonstrating the unlawfulness of that agency's structure is the best legal analysis of that issue that exists today. I encourage the members of the U.S. Senate to work with haste to confirm Judge Kavanaugh." [Source](#).

**Attorney General Leslie Rutledge (R, AR):** "Once again, President Donald Trump has appointed one of the country's top legal minds to serve on the nation's highest court." [Source](#)

**Attorney General Chris Carr (R, GA):** "I commend @POTUS for nominating Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. He is a well-respected jurist with a proven record of faithfully interpreting the rule of law. I congratulate Judge Kavanaugh and his family and hope for a quick confirmation by the Senate." [Source](#)

**Attorney General Mike DeWine (R, OH):** "President Trump has nominated an outstanding candidate in Judge Brett Kavanaugh for a seat on the U.S. Supreme Court to replace Justice Anthony M. Kennedy. We need justices like Judge Kavanaugh who will interpret the law through the meaning of the written U.S. Constitution and not legislate from the bench." [Source](#)

**Attorney General Jeff Landry (R, LA):** "President Trump promised to nominate conservative judges who will strictly follow the Constitution and exercise restraint rather than activism, and once again he has done just that." [Source](#)

**Attorney General Bill Schuette (R, MI):** "What a great decision by President Trump in nominating Judge Brett Kavanaugh for the United States Supreme Court. He is a rule of law, experienced judge who is smart and respects the Constitution – as written." [Source](#)

**Attorney General Josh Hawley (R, MO):** "Judge Kavanaugh is a remarkably qualified nominee for the Supreme Court. I have full confidence he will uphold the Constitution as the people wrote it, not impose his values from the bench. And that's what the people deserve. The balance of the court turns on this nomination and I applaud the President for his thoughtfulness on this decision." [Source](#)

**Attorney General Tim Fox (R, MT):** "President Trump made an excellent decision. Judge Kavanaugh is a brilliant jurist with a proven record of objectively interpreting laws and the Constitution. I urge the United States Senate to give this nomination adequate consideration, followed by swift confirmation." [Source](#)

**Attorney General Adam Laxalt (R, NV):** "I applaud the President's nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve on our Nation's highest court. Judge Kavanaugh has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to the rule of law in reading the constitution according to its original meaning, rather than reinterpreting our constitution according to his own personal preferences." [Source](#)

**Attorney General Alan Wilson (R, SC):** "Proud of @realDonaldTrump 4 nominating Judge Brett Kavanaugh. Great choice! I have appeared before him & he will be a great Sup Ct Justice" [Source](#)

**Attorney General Herbert Slatery (R, TN):** "I applaud President Trump for again keeping his promise to select a Supreme Court Justice with exemplary credentials— conservative, very smart, and one who has an unwavering respect for our Constitution as it is written."

**Attorney General Ken Paxton (R, TX):** "Brett Kavanaugh is an extraordinarily well-qualified Supreme Court nominee, in the mold of Justice Gorsuch, President Trump's superb first pick for the high court. Judge Kavanaugh has distinguished himself as one of the nation's leading constitutional scholars." [Source](#)

**Attorney General Patrick Morrisey (R, WV):** "President Donald Trump continues to fulfill the promises he made to the American people by nominating Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh is a firm defender of the Constitution and is a highly-qualified jurist with impeccable credentials." [Source](#)

**Attorney General Sean Reyes (R, UT):** "I applaud President Trump for nominating Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States." [Source](#)

**Attorney General Patrick Morrisey (R, WV):** "WV AG Leads 26 States Urging Swift Confirmation of Judge Kavanaugh to Supreme Court. <http://bit.ly/2zApGhJ>" July 12, 2018. [Source](#)

**Attorney General Ken Paxton (R, TX):** "AG Paxton Joins 26-State Coalition Urging Prompt Senate Confirmation of Judge Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court" Source July 12, 2018.

**Attorney General Steve Marshall (R, AL):** "AG Steve Marshall Joins AGs in Support of President Trump's Supreme Court Nominee, Judge Brett Kavanaugh" July 12, 2018. [Source](#)

**Attorney General Derek Schmidt (R, KS):** "AG Derek Schmidt urges U.S. Senate to confirm Kavanaugh to Supreme Court" July 12, 2018. [Source](#)

**Attorney General Lawrence Wasden (R, ID)** – "Yesterday I signed on to a letter with 25 of my fellow state attorneys general supporting Judge Kavanaugh's nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh is an excellent nominee who respects the role of states and their constitutionally protected sovereignty." [Source](#). July 13, 2018.

**Attorney General Bill Schuette (R, MI):** "The nomination of Justice Neil Gorsuch to replace Justice Scalia was a huge win for those who believe we must secure our borders and enforce immigration laws, as I do. And a win for those who do not believe judges should legislate from the bench. This is so important during a time in which our constitutional rights, such as the Second Amendment, must be protected in the face of an aggressive progressive onslaught." Attorney General Schuette's full op-ed can be found [here](#).

**Attorney General Mike Hunter (R, OK):** "The president has done his duty and then some, putting forward a nominee who is, as Trump promised in the 2016 campaign, in the mold of the late, great Justice Antonin Scalia. Brett Kavanaugh is indisputably a jurist who believes in textual fidelity to the Constitution and statutes and a disciplined avoidance of judicial activism." Attorney General Hunter's full op-ed can be found [here](#).

**Attorney General Josh Hawley (R, MO):** "I've followed his work on the bench, his 300 opinions as a lower court judge on the DC circuit and I think he's a fantastic nominee, I really do. Here's what I love best about him, I think he's going to defend the constitution the way the people wrote it.... I think Kavanaugh's on the side of the people." July 12, 2018. [The Ed Martin Movement Radio Show](#)

**Attorney General Mark Brnovich (R, AZ):** "Judge Kavanaugh's demonstrated judicial philosophy and previous experience make him a well-qualified nominee worthy of the Senate's prompt consideration." Attorney General Brnovich's full letter can be found [here](#).

**Attorney General Adam Laxalt (R, NV):** "Now President Trump has nominated Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve as our next Supreme Court justice. I enthusiastically support the president's choice. Kavanaugh has already served as a federal appeals judge for over a decade, and has a strong record of judging according to the rule of law. Instead of merely trying to reach the result he wants in any given case, Kavanaugh has let the law and constitution dictate the result." July 27, 2018. Attorney General Laxalt's full op-ed can be found [here](#).

### Secretaries of State

**Secretary of State Jon Husted (R, OH):** "The nomination of a justice to the U.S. Supreme Court is one of the most important responsibilities for a president. Members of the Court wield incredible power as they have the final say in determining constitutionality and lawfulness in America. I witnessed this first-hand last month as Ohio won a very important case concerning the integrity of our nation's elections. Recognizing that multiple vacancies were likely to occur on the Court under whoever was elected president in 2016, it was important to me that the person elected be committed to appointing conservative jurists to the bench. President Donald Trump promised to do just that and he has delivered again with the nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh. As was the case with Justice Neil Gorsuch, I believe Judge Kavanaugh will be a great addition to our nation's highest court. Now it is time for the U.S. Senate to do its job and begin the important work of conducting confirmation hearings to seat the next justice before the Court's next term begins this fall." [Source](#). July 9, 2018.

**Secretary of State John Merrill (R, AL):** "President Trump's nomination of Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court is great for America and the State of Alabama. As Alabamians, our State Motto "We Dare Defend Our Rights" is fitting to also describe Judge Kavanaugh's service, since 2006, as a Federal Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. As a Jurist, Judge Kavanaugh has continuously rejected attempts by the federal government to overreach its authority and impose burdensome regulations into the lives of Americans. To quote Judge Kavanaugh, "The judge's job is to interpret the law, not to make the law or make policy. So read the words of the statute as written. Read the text of the Constitution as written, mindful of history and tradition. Don't make up new constitutional rights that are not in the text of the Constitution. Don't shy away from enforcing constitutional rights that are in the text of the Constitution." Uniquely qualified as an outstanding undergraduate, law student, distinguished law clerk, and public servant, Judge Kavanaugh has served our nation in various capacities, most notably as Senior Associate White House Counsel and, later, as Staff Secretary to President George W. Bush. As an everyday American, Judge Kavanaugh has always cared for and about his neighbors and family. Serving as a youth basketball coach, church volunteer, elementary school tutor, and devoted husband and father, Judge Kavanaugh takes the time to remember that Americans from all walks of life and their families are important in holding our communities together. Supporting Judge Kavanaugh as our next Associate Supreme Court Justice will not

only provide Liberty a strong defender of our beloved Constitution, but it will also support all Alabamians in our pursuit to lead, build, and make lives free from government interference, as all of us, together, "Dare Defend Our Rights!" Source: IGA Inbox. July 24, 2018.

#### State Legislators

**Speaker of the House Mike Turazi (R, PA):** "We applaud president trump's selection of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to be the next Justice on the United States Supreme Court. We urge Pennsylvania's United States Senators to vote in favor of this outstanding jurist and fine family man. Judge Kavanaugh is an individual who embodies strong moral character, keen intellect, and true civility. He strikes us as both gracious and wise. Most importantly, he sees his role as one who interprets but does not create the law and has paid appropriate deference to the text of the United States Constitution, the Bill of Rights and additional amendments as well as statutes drafted by legislators." First Source. July 10, 2018. Second Source. July 10, 2018

**Speaker of the House Robin J. Vos (R, WI):** "The choice of Judge Kavanaugh for the U.S. Supreme Court is exceptional. The nation's highest court deserves to have a judge of this caliber and expertise. As a state legislator, I appreciate that as a federal judge, he has a proven track record of not legislating from the bench. He works to uphold the Constitution and interprets the law as written. With his impressive resume and reputation, Senate confirmation should be quick and with bipartisan support." Source.

**Speaker of the House Greg Hughes (R, UT):** "The vital role of a judge in our government is to interpret laws according to the Constitution, not rule from the bench and create policies that align with a personal agenda. Judge Brett Kavanaugh's record demonstrates that he will fairly and impartially interpret the law as it is written. I applaud President Trump's nomination of Judge Kavanaugh to the highest court of the land. Judge Kavanaugh is well respected across the country with more than 300 published opinions that are frequently cited, and a number that have been adopted by the Supreme Court. He has a strong record of preserving the separation of powers, supporting the Second Amendment, protecting precious life, defending religious liberties, keeping the invocation of God and prayer at government ceremonies, and overruling the actions of unrestrained power of federal agencies, which he has done 75 times. I am confident that Judge Kavanaugh will uphold and interpret the law according to the Constitution. I urge the U.S. Senate to work swiftly and diligently to confirm him with the same bipartisan support he received during his confirmation to the D.C. Circuit." Source: IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Speaker of the House Philip Gunn (R, MS):** "I am very pleased with President Trump's first appointment of Judge Gorsuch, and I trust this selection will be just as good." Source: IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018.

**Speaker of the House David Ralston (R, GA):** "In nominating Judge Kavanaugh, President Trump has selected a jurist of the highest caliber -- a devoted public servant whose credentials are second to none. Most importantly, Judge Kavanaugh is a fair-minded defender of our Constitution and laws. I am hopeful that the U.S. Senate will act in the best interests of the nation and confirm him to the Supreme Court as quickly as possible." Source: IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018.

**Speaker of the House Tim Moore (R, NC):** "I strongly support Judge Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court because he embodies all of those qualities and more – a truly outstanding selection by President Trump to faithfully serve the American people on our country's most powerful bench." Source: July 9, 2018. Second Source:

**Speaker of the House Kirk Cox (R, VA):** "Judge Kavanaugh epitomizes what it means to put faith, family and country first. From serving as a church volunteer to raising a family to mentoring young students and becoming one of the great legal minds of our generation, Judge Kavanaugh is exactly what is needed on the Supreme Court during this critical moment in our nation's history. Judge Kavanaugh has a long history as a constitutional conservative and I look forward to his speedy confirmation to the United States Supreme Court." Source: IGA Inbox. July 17, 2018.

**Speaker Brian Bosma (R, IN):** "'Brett Kavanaugh is deeply respected and well-known for his fair-mindedness, commitment to public service and conservative track record. He's uniquely qualified and a solid choice to serve on our nation's highest court. His confirmation would help shape the court for years to come, and it is my hope the Senate works quickly to confirm him.'" Source: IGA Inbox. July 26, 2018.

**Majority Whip L. Nick Rush (R, VA 7<sup>th</sup> District):** "I am pleased to support Judge Brett Kavanaugh as President Trump's nomination to the Supreme Court of the United States. During a time when many Americans are being pulled in different directions regarding the law, Judge Kavanaugh has proven himself to be someone committed to interpreting the law as our founders intended. I have no doubt that he will be a dedicated and involved voice while protecting our Constitution." Source: IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018.

**Majority Leader Greg Reed (R, AL):** "President Trump is making America great again by restoring balance and fairness to the Supreme Court. Judge Brett Kavanaugh is a person of character who believes in following the law, not rewriting it from the bench." Source: July 10, 2018.

**Majority Leader Damon Thayer (R, KY):** "I revere the separation of powers enshrined in our Constitutions, state and federal. The three branches of government are CO-EQUAL. When judges at any level make law from the bench, it makes my blood boil. That's why tonight's words from Judge Kavanaugh struck exactly the right tone and were accurate in following the intent of the Founding Fathers. It appears that President Trump has nominated an excellent choice for the U.S. Supreme Court." First Source: IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018. Second Source:

**Majority Leader Lance Harris (R, LA):** "President Trump upheld his promise once again to nominate an originalist judge to be the next Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh will be a fantastic Justice, and will be an outstanding addition to the court. I'm very pleased that President Trump picked Judge Kavanaugh. Judge Kavanaugh is a solid choice to uphold the Constitution, and I call on the Senate to give him a fair hearing and vote." Source: IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018.

**Majority Whip Jon Hardister (R, NC):** "I strongly support the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to serve as a U.S. Supreme Court Justice. His record on the U.S. Court of Appeals indicates that he has the experience and the temperament to serve in this position. I am confident that he will uphold the Constitution and be impartial in his interpretation of the law. I encourage the U.S. Senate to hold fair, productive hearings, and to provide him with a favorable vote on his confirmation." First Source: IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018. Second Source:

**Majority Caucus Chairman Matt Hatchett (R, GA):** "I applaud President Trump's nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court. In Judge Kavanaugh, the American people and our judiciary have a leader whose abiding faith is anchored in his commitment to public service. He is both a respected and independent jurist whose 12 years on the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals and over 300 legal opinions demonstrate his commitment to and reverence for the U.S. Constitution. In the words of Henry Clay, "The Constitution of the United States was made not merely for the generation that then existed, but for posterity- unlimited, undefined, endless, perpetual posterity. I am confident that, should he earn confirmation, Judge Kavanaugh will continue his efforts to preserve, protect, and defend our Constitution, our laws, and our American way of life!" Source: Statements Sent by GOPAC. July 10, 2018.

**Speaker of the House Designee Paul Renner (R, FL):** "Judge Brett Kavanaugh is an outstanding choice for the Supreme Court. He has a long record of placing the Constitution and the rule of law above any other consideration. Judge Kavanaugh understands that judges should put aside what they may personally prefer in favor of what the Constitution and our laws require. As a Justice of the Supreme Court, his decisions will consistently protect the Constitution, the separation of powers, and the individual rights of every American. He deserves a fair confirmation process and the bipartisan support of the Senate." Source: IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018.

**Senator Debbie Mayfield (R, Tallahassee):** "Yesterday, was a great day for our country with President Trump's nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to replace Justice Kennedy on the Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh is an exemplary judge that placed an emphases on interpreting the law, rather than creating the law. His commitment to uphold our Constitution makes him a wonderful choice to serve our nation's highest court and I look forward to a swift confirmation by the U.S. Senate." First Source IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018. Second Source. Third Source.

**Representative Nathan Wadsworth (R, ME 70<sup>th</sup> District):** "Dear Senator Collins, I'm writing to advocate for the timely confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. Following the news of Justice Anthony M. Kennedy's decision to retire, this matter has been a topic of much conversation among my constituents, and I believe the United States Senate should expedite the confirmation of his successor without delay. One unique qualification of Justice Kavanaugh is that he excelled as a clerk for Justice Kennedy, gaining an important perspective—and appreciation—for the work the Supreme Court does to exemplify the pillars of American Exceptionalism. On the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals he has authored over 300 opinions which, as President Trump stated in his address to the Nation, have been recognized widely for rigorous adherence to the law. Justice Brett Kavanaugh exemplifies the very best in public service, and for that reason I am asking you to advocate for a timely confirmation in the months ahead. With great appreciation for your public service, Nathan J. Wadsworth." Source: Letter Sent by Representative. July 10, 2018.

**Representative Craig S. Riedel (R, Defiance, OH):** "I am very pleased with President Trump's selection of Judge Kavanaugh as our next Supreme Court Justice! Judge Kavanaugh has a proven record of being fair and non-biased with his court rulings. He will be a Justice who will honor and respect our constitution and will not attempt to legislate from his judicial bench." Source: Statement Sent by Staff. July 10, 2018.

**Representative Dr. Valerie A. Fraser (R, Belknap, NH):** "It is encouraging and a relief frankly to hear Mr. Kavanaugh's acceptance of his nomination to the US Supreme Court and his belief and promise to follow the Constitution for the United States of America. I wish him luck and good judgment." Source: Source IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018.

**Representative Paul A. Stearns (R, ME District 119):** "Please let this communication serve as support for President Trump's nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court." Source: IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Senator Bryce Reeves (R, VA):** "Congratulations to Judge Brett Kavanaugh on his nomination to the Supreme Court! Not only does he have a proven record of being a strict constitutionalist, he is a true champion for conservative principles. I look forward to his swift confirmation & his service on the high court." Source. July 10, 2018.

**Senator John Stevens (R, TN):** "Judge Kavanaugh is a highly respected individual and judge having demonstrated the judicial temperament, intellect and work ethic necessary to sit on our nation's highest court. His opinions show a profound understanding of the structural genius of form of constitutional government. I urge the Senate to carefully review his written opinions and question Judge Kavanaugh about his judicial philosophy. I am confident the Senate will find that he is eminently qualified." First Source: IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018. Second Source.

**Representative Cory Wilson (R, MS):** "A supremely strong pick by President Trump for the U.S. Supreme Court. In Judge Brett Kavanaugh's words: 'A judge must be independent and must interpret the law, not make the law.' Our laws should be applied as written, and judges should not legislate from the bench. Everything in Judge Kavanaugh's record suggests that #JusticeKavanaugh will be a solid judicial conservative who will 'strive to preserve the Constitution of the United States and the American Rule of Law.'" Source: IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018.

**Senator Steve Smith (R, AZ):** "Congratulations to Judge Brett Kavanaugh and to President Trump. I am thrilled at the prospect of another conservative judge being appointed to the Supreme Court and everything I have heard from conservative leaders is that Judge Kavanaugh takes seriously the role of a judge to apply the law as written, and not to rewrite it. Our nation is well served by those who respect the proper balance between the judicial and legislative and executive branches, and I expect the United States Senate to set aside its normal partisan squabbles and proceed with a confirmation process that is respectful of everyone involved." Source: IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018.

**Senator Erin Houchin (R, IN):** "When Americans cast their ballots in the 2016 Presidential Election, many did so knowing their vote could have an impact which would span decades with the nomination of a new Supreme Court Justice. Now, President Trump has made his second nomination with his choice of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to fill the next soon-to-be vacant seat on our nation's highest bench. I applaud the President for once again choosing a qualified, proven defender of our Constitution and the rule of law, and congratulate Judge Kavanaugh on this honor. Judge Kavanaugh's record of upholding the Constitution as written, and our American values, will serve our country well. I hope for a speedy confirmation, and a long, meaningful career on the Supreme Court." Source: IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018.

**Senator Dawn Buckingham (R, TX):** "President Donald Trump has made an excellent choice in nominating Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve on the United States Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh's judicial experience will serve him well to continue to interpret the Constitution as written and not legislate from the bench. I commend President Trump on his outstanding nomination and hope that the United States Senate moves quickly to confirm Judge Kavanaugh to ensure adequate representation on the highest court in the nation." Source: IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018.

**Representative Neal Collins (R, SC):** "Brett Kavanaugh has an impressive resume. With 12 years of Appeals Court opinions (of which I have not read any yet), I'm sure statements will be dissected by both sides. However, President Trump promised & deserves praise for following through with Federalist Society nominees of Gorsuch & now Kavanaugh." Source: IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018.

**Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis (R, NY):** "President Trump's nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh is a good one and shows how dedicated he is to ensuring the Supreme Court upholds the rule of law and preserves the values on which our nation was founded, such as religious liberty and separation of powers. Judge Kavanaugh is well respected, has extensive experience and will interpret the Constitution as it was written, which is exactly what Americans should expect from a Supreme Court Justice." Source: IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018.

**Representative Niraj Antani (R, OH 42<sup>nd</sup> District):** "President Trump's nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh is a strong choice and I urge the US Senate to act swiftly in confirming him. As a legislator, I understand the need for our judges and justices to not legislate from the bench, and I believe a Justice Kavanaugh would not do that." Source: IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018.

**Representative Brad Tschidra (R, MT):** "As a former history/political science teacher, current legislator and firm believer in the strict interpretation of the Constitution, I am elated that President Trump has nominated a person with the qualities of Judge Kavanaugh to replace retiring Justice Anthony Kennedy on the US Supreme Court. The role of the SCOTUS is to interpret laws of the United States, and remove themselves from any semblance of judicial activism. Given Judge Kavanaugh's many lower court decisions and experience, and his belief that the US Constitution needs to be interpreted as written (not modified to fit any present environment or circumstance), Judge Kavanaugh all has all the potential qualifications to effectively serve the people of the United States in this continuing dream that is America, as the newest member of the US Supreme Court. It is my firm desire that both US Senators from Montana will heartily vote to confirm Judge Kavanaugh." Source: IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018.

**Representative Mike Cuffe (R, MT):** "To the Honorable President Trump, Thank you for the very good nomination for Supreme Court Justice. I am impressed by Judge Brett Kavanaugh, his credentials, his style, and his personal community activities. Coaching his kids, serving community meals, and honoring his parents, wife and daughters tell me important things about him. Brett Kavanaugh's commitment to honor the U.S. Constitution are crucial to the future of this great nation. I strongly support this nomination and will encourage Montana senators Daines and Tester to vote yes to confirm Brett Kavanaugh. I appreciate the style in which President Trump announced the nomination. With my sawmill and plywood plant hard hat on my head, I shook hands with President Trump in Great Falls, Montana, last Friday. What an exciting moment for me. With that hard hat on my head I endured lots of sweat, tears, sawdust and slivers as I managed sawmills and plywood production in Montana's northwest corner. Currently as state representative and candidate for state senate, much of my activities deal with federal land and water management policies. As part of the Montana Day at the White House July 19, I hope to discuss Columbia River Treaty and impacts on Montana House District 2 and Senate District 1, which are home to Libby Dam and the international reservoir called Lake Koocanusa. My district has borders with Canada and with Idaho. I have great appreciation for the accomplishments of President Trump." Source: IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Senate President Larry Obhof (R, Medina, OH):** "I commend President Trump on his nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the United State Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh has the right temperament and judicial philosophy for the nation's highest court. He understands that a judge's

job is to interpret the law, not to make the law or make policy. I am confident that he will read and apply statutes and the Constitution as written.”  
Source: Statement Sent by Staff. Source. July 11, 2018.

**Representative Beth O'Connor (R, ME):** “Dear President Trump, It is a great honor to endorse your choice for Justice Brett Kavanaugh as our next Supreme Court Justice. Having reviewed many of Judge Kavanaugh's opinions it is more than evident that his philosophy is to rely on the text of the Constitution as drafted by the Framers and that he would not invent rights or obligations that do not exist in the Constitution itself. I was particularly intrigued by his suggestion that Congress pass a law to exempt the President from civil proceedings during his time in office. Whatever the policy merits of his suggestion and they should be considered his proposal to put such a protection into statutory form demonstrates both his understanding of the difficulties inherent in acting as head of the Executive branch and the limits of his authority as a member of the judiciary, by sending this task to Congress rather than proposing that the judiciary take up the task. This nation needs a judiciary capable of recognizing the flexibility inherently necessary to the political branches under the Constitution, while also refusing to write their personal preferences into law by fiat. This theme is a constant in all of Judge Kavanaugh's opinions. Listening intently to your introduction followed by the calm and collected words of Judge Kavanaugh on Tuesday evening offered great comfort and relief. Not only does Judge Kavanaugh show a great respect for our tradition and history, he is also a straight forward and humble man with a beautiful and dedicated family. I was delighted when Judge Kavanaugh expressed how he, as a Judge, was tasked with selecting four law clerks annually. His method was always to review individuals from all walks of life and always select the best and the brightest. The majority of them were women. It is certainly a pleasure to see an individual with many of the wonderful qualities of the late and great Justice Scalia and your most recent appointee Justice Gorsuch. Judge Kavanaugh will join them both as justices who would not legislate their own political views from the bench. Again, thank you for the honor and privilege to endorse such a fine man to serve ‘We the People’ as our next Supreme Court Justice.” Source: Source IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Representative Andy Thompson (R, Marietta, OH):** “President Trump made an outstanding choice for the United States Supreme Court when he announced Judge Brett Kavanaugh as his selection. At the announcement we saw was a humble family man with good values. What we have seen in his over 300 written opinions is someone who is fair-minded and going to faithfully interpret the Constitution as it should be- by its original public meaning and not be a bench-legislator. I applaud President Trump's fine choice and look forward to the Senate expediently confirming Judge Kavanaugh.” Source: Source IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Representative Candice Keller (R, Middletown, OH):** “I am very pleased with the selection of Brett Kavanaugh for the open seat on the U.S. Supreme Court. His credentials are impeccable as he currently sits on the D.C. Circuit Court, commonly referred to as the ‘Second Highest Court in the Land.’ Kavanaugh's respect for those threatened by government overreach has demonstrated itself time and time again, and he has often rejected attempts by the federal government to impose onerous regulations on private citizens. I look forward to this thoughtful leader who will respect what the Supreme Court represents. His previous opinions have been honored many times by the Supreme Court, and this includes times in which his dissents have become law. Kavanaugh leaves behind an impressive record and I look forward to the legacy he will cement into the future of this great nation.” Source: Source IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Representative Wes Retherford (R, OH):** “The single longest lasting impact a President can have is a selection to the nation's highest court. Justices should be honorable, thorough jurists who apply to every case a strict reading of the Constitution and keep from legislating from the bench. Judge

Brett Kavanaugh is a fitting selection. His record of service to our country and his community is above approach. His record as a judge shows that he will adhere to the Constitution as our founders intended. I fully support his nomination and look forward to a speedy confirmation." Source: Source IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Representative Frank White (R, FL):** "With the nomination of Judge Kavanaugh, @realDonaldTrump sets SCOTUS on a return to the founders' intent-to do what the law and the Constitution require. The American people are no longer subject to the whims of an activist court, and for that, we are tremendously grateful," And "Stephanie and I will keep Judge Kavanaugh, his wife Ashley and their girls in our prayers as they prepare to serve the American people in such an honorable way. @FrankWhiteFL #MAGA." Source: [Tweet 1](#), [Tweet 2](#). July 11, 2018.

**Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis (R, NY):** "Judge Kavanagh is well respected, has extensive experience and will interpret the Constitution as it was written, which is exactly what Americans should expect from a Supreme Court Justice." Source [July 11, 2018](#).

**Representative Jon Hardister (R, NC):** "Congrats to Brett Kavanaugh on being nominated to serve as Justice on the U.S. Supreme Court. #SCOTUS." Source [July 11, 2018](#).

**Senator Judy Lee (R, ND):** "Judge Kavanaugh is an excellent candidate for the US Supreme Court. His professional and personal reputations are impeccable, his public service sets an example for all, and his respect for Constitutional law is well-recognized. I encourage his speedy confirmation!" Source: IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Representative Kevin Scully (R, NH):** "I had high hopes for the Trump Presidency, and he has exceeded even my high expectations. In no area is this more true than in his nominations for the Supreme Court. America was truly at a cross-roads, the choice of another activist judge for the Supreme Court could have effectively spelled the end of our Constitutional Republic. President Trump pulled us back from the edge with his first inspired choice, Judge Neil Gorsuch. President Trump is now cementing his legacy as the champion of our Constitutional Government with his current choice, Judge Brett Kavanaugh. Judge Kavanaugh is clearly an impeccably qualified candidate. Judge Kavanaugh has also repeatedly demonstrated that he understands the intent of the Constitution and that he embraces the proper role of the Judiciary in our Constitutional Republic. Judge Kavanaugh is exactly who we need to restore and preserve the American Dream of personal freedom and limited government in our time and for the next generation. Thank you President Trump for your continued efforts to make America great again, you have my full support." Source: IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Senator Lizbeth Benacquisto (R, FL):** "I applaud President Trump's appointment of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the #SCOTUS. He is a distinguished jurist who has proven he understands his role is to interpret the law and not create policy from the bench. I urge the Senate to swiftly confirm Judge Kavanaugh." Source: [July 11, 2018](#).

**Speaker of the House Mac McCutcheon (R, AL):** "I applaud President Trump for his nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh, a jurist whose intellect, legal scholarship, and continuing service to our nation should be appreciated by all Americans regardless of their party or political philosophy. As the leader of a legislative body that routinely deals with complex issues that include immigration, gun rights, religious freedoms, and others, I am

thankful that Judge Kavanaugh appears to hold a strict constructionist viewpoint that reflects the framers' original intent. Because his qualifications to serve on the Court are without dispute, it is my hope that Judge Kavanaugh's confirmation process will proceed with all deliberate speed. I will pray for Judge Kavanaugh and his family as he takes center stage in the public spotlight and hopefully begins his long service on our nation's highest court." Source: IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Representative Rich Perales (R, OH):** "I applaud President Trump for nominating Judge Brett Kavanaugh as the next Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh needs no introduction in the judicial community and has the respect of his peers on both sides of American political ideology. His firm dedication to judicial interpretation is critical in an age where our judicial community ventures too often into law re-writing. I look forward to the confirmation process with hopes of swift and bipartisan action from our leaders in the U.S. Senate. My wife Becka and I wish all the best to Judge Kavanaugh, his wife Ashley, and his daughters Margaret and Elizabeth as they begin this next journey in their lives." Source: IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Senator Frank LaRose (R, OH):** "President Trump's pick to replace Justice Kennedy is in keeping with America's long-cherished commitment to protecting the Constitution. Supreme Court Justices have a duty to interpret the Constitution as written and respect the people's will as expressed through their elected leaders—not re-write laws to fit their own political aims. Judge Kavanaugh is well-regarded, qualified, and principled. He will perform his duties with integrity and protect the Constitutional rights of all Americans. I look forward to his speedy confirmation." Source: IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Senator Bill Beagle (R, OH):** "I commend President Trump's decision to nominate Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court. I am certain he will work to protect the Constitutional rights of the American people, upholding our nation's values and principles through interpretation of the law." Source: IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Representative Heather Sirocki (R, ME):** "Based on his career and previous decisions, Judge Kavanaugh is highly regarded for valuing our constitutional republic, following the Rule of Law, and preserving individual liberty. I wholeheartedly support his nomination. Likewise, I am certain that Senator Susan Collins also values these traits in the next Supreme Court Justice, and I anticipate that she will vote to support Judge Kavanaugh's nomination." Source: IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Representative Wendy McKamey (R, MT):** "It is with great pleasure I give my complete support to President Trump and his nominee to the Supreme Court, Judge Brett Kavanaugh. In his time on the Bench, Judge Kavanaugh has shown himself to be an Originalist with regard to the Constitution of the United States, and we can expect him to continue on that path. His experience and expertise is broad and deep and he has distinguished himself by the thorough, fair, and thoughtful opinions he writes and delivers. It is evident Judge Kavanaugh is indeed the best choice for the Supreme Court, and the People of the United States of America. We can trust he will continue to listen, evaluate and ascertain the best judgement for each case put before him. Judge Brett Kavanaugh will serve us all well in the capacity of a Supreme Court Justice." Source: IGA Inbox. July 12, 2018.

**Representative Melissa Melendez (R, CA):** "The reason Democrats reflexively oppose the Supreme Court nomination of any judge demonstrating a strict adherence to the Constitution is they believe the Judicial Branch exists solely to help them pass a radical liberal agenda. The nomination of

Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court of the United States is exactly why President Trump was elected and represents another step toward restoring and preserving the rule of law. California stands to benefit from a conservative Supreme Court with the legal authority to undo the unconstitutional laws our state has foolishly enacted. I emphatically add my name with those who support the confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court of the United States." Source: IGA Inbox. July 12, 2018.

**Senator Garrett Mason (R, ME):** "Thank you @realDonaldTrump for nominating Judge Kavanaugh to #scotus. Qualified, conservative, and ready on day one. #mepolitics." Source: [July 12, 2018](#).

**Senator Amy Volk (R, ME):** "In his distinguished academic and judicial career, Judge Brett Kavanaugh has demonstrated a deep respect for our Constitution and for statutory language, weighing both carefully against historical context. He believes that the judiciary's role is to interpret rather than to make law and I take him as a man of high integrity, likely to keep his word. I urge all members of the US Senate to respect his nomination and vote to confirm him as our next Supreme Court Justice." Source: IGA Inbox. July 12, 2018.

**Senator Matt Huffman (R, OH):** "Dear President Trump: I strongly support your nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh for the United States Supreme Court. Throughout his career, Judge Kavanaugh has proven to be a competent jurist, utilizing a sharp legal mind in myriad cases to interpret the rule of law as it is written. His adherence to the Constitution and the law's original construction and purpose make him a welcome addition to the highest court in the land. You have made a prudent choice in Judge Kavanaugh, and I am happy to applaud that decision." Source: IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Senator Doug Broxson (R, FL):** "President Trump has put forth an outstanding nominee for the Supreme Court in Judge Brett Kavanaugh. By all accounts, both by those who know him personally and those who know him only through his judicial record, Judge Kavanaugh is eminently qualified to serve on our nation's highest court. I appreciate that the President has followed through on his promise to only nominate candidates for the federal bench who hold a high view of our Constitution. The President is making the most of his opportunity to move the Supreme Court in a more conservative direction, and I applaud him. I hope the U.S. Senate, including our Senator Bill Nelson, will follow through on its responsibility and quickly confirm Judge Kavanaugh." Source: IGA Inbox. July 16, 2018.

**Senator Albert D. Olszewski, M.D. (R, MT):** "I am honored to endorse Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh for the nomination of Supreme Court Justice. Judge Kavanaugh's qualifications exceeds expectations as a Jurist and a human being willing and capable to serve his country and his community. He is exactly what our country needs as a Justice sitting on the Supreme Court bench. He is a Jurist who will apply the law as written and enforce the text, structure, and original understanding of the Constitution. Judge Kavanaugh has proven himself as a Justice of the D.C. Circuit Court, "the second highest Court of the Land." His peers on the appellate courts look to Judge Kavanaugh for leadership. as a leader. He is deeply respected by the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court has endorsed his opinions more than a dozen times, including Kavanaugh dissents that have become the law of the land. His judicial opinions are regularly cited by courts across the country. He has published over 300 opinions where he has proven himself as a judge that interprets the Law through the lens of the U.S. Constitution. As a result Judge Kavanaugh has had a significant impact in rebalancing the proper role of bureaucracies to prevent their burdensome overreach into the lives of U.S. Citizens. He has proven that he

will support State's rights. He is a proven defender of Religious Liberty as it is defined in the First Amendment. I am excited to see Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh serve as the next Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. I hope you will too." Source: IGA Inbox. July 23, 2018.

**Representative Barbara Biggie (R, NH):** "I'm pleased to share my enthusiastic support for President Donald Trump's nomination of Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh is a brilliant jurist with impeccable legal credentials and a clear, effective writing style. He is universally respected for his intellect, persuasiveness and ability to build consensus. He understands that the role of a judge is to faithfully interpret the law, not to legislate from the bench. His authoritative legal opinions are known to shape the law and are often cited by judges around the country. Judge Kavanaugh has devoted his life to public service. He has spent 25 of the last 28 years serving the American people, most notably as Associate Independent Counsel, Associate White House Counsel, Assistant and Staff Secretary to President George W. Bush, and — of course — as a judge. Judge Kavanaugh is active in his community. He coaches Catholic Youth Organization basketball, acts as a reader at his church, serves meals to needy families and tutors children at local elementary schools. Judge Kavanaugh is the best of the best, who builds consensus and decides cases based on the law, not personal policy preferences. He once wrote, 'The judge's job is to interpret the law, not to make the law or make policy. So read the words of the statute as written. Read the text of the Constitution as written, mindful of history and tradition. Don't make up new constitutional rights that are not in the text of the Constitution. Don't shy away from enforcing constitutional rights that are in the text of the Constitution.' Having served for more than a decade as a federal judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit — referred to as the "Second Highest Court in the Land" — he's building a first-rate judicial record and reputation. Judge Kavanaugh is a mainstream judge who should be easily confirmed. Senators from both parties told the White House they wanted a real judge with outstanding credentials, who will respect precedent. Judge Kavanaugh is all of that and more. Confirmed to the D.C. Circuit with bipartisan support. There's no question that Brett M. Kavanaugh, upon Senate confirmation, will be a significant positive force within the Supreme Court and the United States of America." Source. July 19, 2018.

**Delegate Michael J. Webert (R, VA):** "I applaud President Trump for his selection of Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh for the Supreme Court. President Trump promised to appoint justices to the Supreme Court that would uphold the U.S. Constitution and follow the law, not their policy preferences — he has fulfilled that promise by nominating Judge Kavanaugh. As a lawmaker that has fought against government overreach and bureaucratic red tape, I welcome Judge Kavanaugh's respect for people threatened by government overreach and his track record of rejecting the federal government's attempt to impose harmful regulations on private citizens. I hope you will join with me in calling on Senators Tim Kaine and Mark Warner in voting to confirm Judge Kavanaugh. He was confirmed to the D.C. Circuit with bipartisan support, and that same support should be extended to his nomination to the Supreme Court." Source: IGA Inbox. July 16, 2018.

**Delegate Kathy Szeliga (R, MD):** "When it comes to President Trump's nomination of Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, the left doth protest too much methinks. While I must beg Shakespeare's forgiveness for the paraphrasing of his line from Hamlet, it is not as grievous an insult as those that have been slung Judge Kavanaugh's way by our own representatives in Washington. While the instantly-printed protest signs and the swift distribution of talking points from the radical left is on some level impressive, our federal delegation has done a tremendous disservice to this dedicated Marylander as they distort his record and his service to push their political agenda. Senator Ben Cardin has leapt onto the bandwagon of feigned concern that, based on an article Judge Kavanaugh wrote nearly a decade ago, he firmly believes sitting Presidents, and President Trump in particular, are immune from prosecution. The talking point asserts the notion that President Trump chose Judge Kavanaugh specifically to shield

him from the ongoing Mueller investigation. The Washington Post has called this argument "an extreme distortion" of what Judge Kavanaugh has written. Congressman Steny Hoyer, robotically echoing extreme leftists like Chuck Schumer and Elizabeth Warren, characterized Judge Kavanaugh as a threat to the flailing Affordable Care Act. The New York Times has called such claims overstated and exaggerated. Senator VanHollen, Congressman Cummings, and Congressman Ruppersberger have all swallowed these national talking points and then regurgitated them instantly without any thoughtful consideration of the credentials of this exceptional Marylander. It is an insult not only to Judge Kavanaugh's dedicated public service, but also to the citizens of our state and our nation. Judge Brett Kavanaugh has dedicated his life to public service. He has spent over twenty years serving our nation; he served as Associate Independent Counsel, Associate White House Counsel, as well as Assistant and Staff Secretary to President George W. Bush. For more than a decade he has served on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. His service extends beyond the bench and into the community where he coaches youth basketball, serves meals to families in need, and tutors children at local elementary schools. As a jurist, one would be hard-pressed to find a more accomplished or qualified candidate than Judge Kavanaugh. He is well-respected by his peers in the appellate courts. The Supreme Court itself has endorsed his opinions more than a dozen times. His opinions are regularly cited by courts across the country. In over 300 published opinions, Judge Kavanaugh has proven himself as a jurist who will apply laws as they are written and interprets the Constitution as written. He has pushed back government overreach and protected citizens from onerous government regulation. Judge Kavanaugh has been a champion for religious liberty, defending the rights of citizens to practice their faith without government intrusion. The colony that was to become the State of Maryland was founded on this very principle and yet many of our elected officials today view this value as somehow a detriment and threat to our freedom and democracy and this threat is made flesh in Judge Kavanaugh. It would be refreshing if our Maryland Delegation could take a deep breath and appreciate Judge Kavanaugh for the exceptional Marylander he is. While ideological disagreements are expected, portraying him as some gavel-wielding boogeyman hiding in the dark to take away our rights does a disservice not only to this nominee to the highest court in the nation, but also the very congressional seats they themselves hold." Source: TBD. July 17, 2018.

**Representative Nicholas Schroer (R, MO):** "FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: State Representative Nick Schroer calls on @clairecmc to put #partisanship aside, #ConfirmKavanaugh #SCOTUS #moleg #mosen" July 24, 2018. [Tweet](#)

**Senator Fred Thomas, Majority Leader (R, MT):** Dear Mr. President: I would like to go on record as heavily supporting your fantastic nominee to the Supreme Court, Judge Brett Kavanaugh! It is my assessment that Justice Kennedy did an excellent job and that Judge Kavanaugh will fill his shoes well. Seems to me Judge Kavanaugh is extraordinarily well qualified, comes from a list of persons you identified long ago, so they could be vetted by the citizens of the country! His credentials are perfect, his family and personal life look to be stellar, what else does one need to know. Please expedite your nominee through the USS, I am certain Senator Daines will support Brett but you need to work on Senator Tester! He is an old friend of mine from the Montana Senate but he votes more like he is from New York than Montana. Please make sure Judge Kavanaugh is confirmed, if there is anything I can do, have me contacted." Source: IGA Inbox. July 23, 2018.

#### Mayors Comments on the Supreme Court Nominee

**Mayor Bill Green (R, MD):** "I feel that Judge Kavanaugh was a good choice for nomination to the Supreme Court, for his outstanding background in education and law. I have the utmost respect for our President and support his decision on this." Source: IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Mayor Dane Maxwell (R, Pascagoula, MS):** “@realDonaldTrump has once again delivered on another promise by nominating an originalist to the highest court in the land. Excellent choice by @POTUS! #JudgeKavanaugh #SCOTUS.” Source: [July 11, 2018](#).

**Mayor Sam Abed (R, CA):** “This letter is to express my full support to President Trump’s nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court of the United States. I believe he is the best choice and the most qualified to fill the vacant seat left by Justice Anthony Kennedy. Judge Kavanaugh’s 300 published opinions made him one of the most respected federal judges in the country and are evidence of his outstanding record of defending the constitution and safeguarding the separation of powers to preserve our freedom and liberties. Judge Kavanaugh is a brilliant jurist who has consistently applied the constitution and laws during his 12 years on the U.S. Court of Appeals. He is a family man with the highest integrity who will faithfully uphold the constitution and the rule of law of our great country. It is my great honor to support Judge Kavanaugh’s nomination, and I am confident that he will make a great Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.” Source: IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Mayor John Giles (R, Mesa):** “I applaud the President’s nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve on the United States Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh is immensely qualified and has a distinguished record as a jurist with over 300 published opinions. As an attorney, I respect judges that follow the Constitution and make rulings based on the letter of the law. Judge Kennedy’s record shows that is exactly the type of Justice he will be on the Supreme Court.” Source: IGA inbox July 12, 2018

**Mayor Mary Hawkins Butler (R, Madison, MS):** The selection of a Supreme Court Justice is one of the most profound responsibilities of a U.S. President. The Supreme Court is entrusted with safeguarding the Constitution – and President Trump selected once again an individual who has demonstrated over and over he can set aside political views and do what the Constitution requires. There is no one more deserving for this position, and no one more qualified than Judge Kavanaugh. What you see is what you get – just like President Trump! I want to congratulate President Trump on demonstrating yet again his ability to stand by his promises and keep his word to the American people. Brett Kavanaugh has impeccable credentials and he is exactly the type of jurist President Trump promised he would put on the Supreme Court. I am proud to be an American.” Source: IGA Inbox. July 12, 2018.

**Mayor John W. Suthers (R, CO):** “As the current Mayor of Colorado Springs and the former Attorney General and U.S. Attorney General for Colorado, I am writing in support of President Trump’s nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court. As someone who has litigated and argued cases in the Supreme Court, I believe a Justice should be an exceptional legal intellect, open minded, an excellent written communicator, and dedicated to preserve judicial independence. In my view Judge Kavanaugh has exhibited each of these traits during his tenure on the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals. I find it distressing that interest groups on all sides of the political spectrum are demonizing outstanding jurists who have come to legal conclusions contrary to their perceived interests. Highly qualified judicial nominees should not be rejected by the Senate in response to political pressures. Their qualifications as a jurist should be the focus of the confirmation process. Judge Brett Kavanaugh is a highly qualified lawyer, he’s proven to be an excellent jurist and he deserves appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court.” Source: IGA Inbox. July 12, 2018.

**Mayor Anne Gerwig (R, FL):** “To Whom It May Concern, I am writing this in support of the President’s Supreme Court Justice nominee, Brett Kavanaugh. Judge Kavanaugh has the background required to serve in the highest court in the land. His experience serving on the US Court of

Appeals for the District of Columbia is arguably the most significant experience that exists. He has the additional experience of having clerked for Justice Kennedy, who has served our nation in an honorable capacity. Judge Kavanaugh should not be subject to prejudicial treatment during the upcoming confirmation hearings. It is the responsibility of the President of the United States to nominate a well-qualified individual to the highest court and it is the responsibility of the United States Senate to vet and then confirm that nomination. I would sincerely hope that our elected officials will do their best work in the process and not allow personal preferences or partisan politics to control their actions. As a Mayor, it is important that home rule be defended at all levels of government, and that our process remains above reproach. We owe our citizens our most noble work and I believe that Judge Kavanaugh has the background and character that this high calling demands. Thank you for your consideration." Source: IGA Inbox. July 12, 2018.

**Mayor Lydia Mihalik (R, OH):** "We want Judges to interpret the law, not make law. Judge Kavanaugh clerked for Justice Kennedy "the swing vote" and will continue to do so in the same manner as he has demonstrated over his career. I wish him the best through the Senate confirmation process. #SCOTUS #POTUS." Source: Source. July 16, 2018.

**Mayor Crystal Ruiz (R, CA):** "I am excited & honored to support Judge Kavanaugh. He is the right choice for the Supreme Court. I urge our Senators to do the right thing & approve Judge Kavanaugh. Don't let our citizens down! #KavanaughSCOTUS #MAGA #POTUS." Source: Source. July 16, 2018.

**Mayor James Brainerd (R, IN):** "The President has nominated a respected member of the judiciary to replace the great retiring Justice Anthony Kennedy. Carmel wants a new Justice who is eminently qualified, and Judge Brett Kavanaugh meets that test. As an attorney and a Mayor, he should be confirmed, I trust future Justice Kavanaugh to be the fair umpire the Court needs and judge each case on its merits, consistent with precedent and our Constitution." Source: IGA Inbox. July 19, 2018.

**Mayor Peter Weiss (R, CA):** "My name is Peter Weiss and I am the Mayor for the City of Oceanside, California. I am writing in support of Judge Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the Supreme Court. From reviewing Judge Kavanaugh's background, he is a judge who will apply the law as written and enforce the text, structure and original understanding of the Constitution. Judge Kavanaugh has the skills, ability and qualifications to serve on the Supreme Court." Source: IGA Inbox. July 19, 2018.

#### County Commissioners

**County Supervisor Jack R. Smith (NP, Yavapai County, AZ):** "I am writing to express my full support for President Donald J. Trump and his recent nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh as the next Supreme Court Justice. President Trump consistently strives to ensure decisions are derived from common sense and the rule of law as opposed to political pressure. President Trump and his administration have brought back integrity, responsibility, and trust of the American people. Therefore, I am expressing my full support to President Donald J. Trump, and his administration for the steadfast work they continue to do for the American people and I am confident in his decision to nominate Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court of the United States of America. It is the rule of law that safeguards our American values, our communities, and our borders. I stand ready to assist in this confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court." Source: Letter Sent by Supervisor. July 10, 2018.

**County Commissioner Mike Halleck (NP, Columbiana County, OH):** "Dear Mr President, Congratulations on an excellent choice for the Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh's intellect and record of fairness will serve our Nation well." Source: Statement Sent by Staff. July 10, 2018.

**Commissioner Bill Valentine (NP, Allegany County, MD):** "The selection of Judge Kavanaugh is great news for our country. Judge Kavanaugh has impeccable credentials and a history of making wise decisions based on facts and the constitution. Judge Kavanaugh will not be an activist, but a true Justice." Source: Statement Sent by Commissioner. July 10, 2018.

**Commissioner Doug Underhill (NP, FL):** "Brett Kavanaugh for the SCOTUS. Another exceptional move." Source. July 11, 2018.

**County Supervisor Buster D. Johnson (NP, AZ):** "I want to take this time to offer my full support to President Donald Trump's nominee, Judge Brett Kavanaugh, to the Supreme Court of the United States. I have been a County Supervisor for rural Mohave County, Arizona, for the past twenty years. Mohave County is the fifth largest county in the United States encompassing 13,461 square miles of which 70.7% of our land mass is held by the federal government as public lands. During my time as Supervisor, I have been very impressed with Judge Kavanaugh's rulings in regard to federal regulations. Rural counties, such as Mohave, are often times caught in the cross fire of federal bureaucrats and rule making. In the past twelve years, as Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, Judge Kavanaugh has handled several challenges to some of these overreaching federal rules. His record is by far the most conservative I have seen at the federal level when it comes to reining in federal agencies on issues such as climate change and financial oversight. Judge Kavanaugh has a record of rejecting attempts by the federal government to impose burdensome regulations on private citizens. In a time when this Country is still trying to overturn some of the most outrageous government regulations seen under the prior Administration, Judge Kavanaugh will be a welcoming face on the Supreme Court. He is one I know will fight for small business and private citizens' rights while upholding the Constitution of the United States. Judge Kavanaugh's education and experience have also garnished him an impeccable reputation. I feel no other candidate could match up to his legal credentials. He fully understands that the role of a judge is to faithfully interpret the constitution, not to legislate from the bench. His authoritative legal opinions are known to shape the law and are often cited by judges around the country. I am confident Judge Kavanaugh is the best choice for this lifetime appointment to our nation's highest court, and I offer any help or support needed for his confirmation process." Source: IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**County Commissioner Steve Smith (R, ID)** I want to give my support to your Supreme Court Justice Pick of Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh. It is the responsibility of the Supreme Court to make judgments on cases based on the laws Congress passes. Today judges often render judgments on their feelings, opinions and actually create new laws in their chairs bypassing the People of the United States. This overreach is a result from years of liberal judges legislating from the bench creating "Amendment Free Zones". It is not the job of the Constitution to make people good, rather to make people free. Making people good is the sole role of our Heavenly Father. Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh will be a corrective Supreme Court Justice bringing this nation back to our original ideals of our Founding Fathers. I anxiously await Judge Kavanaugh's confirmation to be our next Supreme Court Justice. Source IGA Inbox, July 11, 2018

**County Commissioner T. Christopher Elliott (R, AL):** "Judge Kavanaugh is universally respected for his intellect, persuasiveness, and ability to build consensus. He understands that the role of a judge is to faithfully interpret the law, not to legislate from the bench. His authoritative legal opinions are known to shape the law and are often cited by judges around the country. Judge Kavanaugh has an impressive career of public service and his

academic credentials are superb. I believe he possesses the qualities and experience to be an excellent judge. Judge Kavanaugh will make an excellent addition to the bench." Source: IGA Inbox. July 12, 2018.

**County Commissioner Robert Wirkner (NP, OH):** "Having reviewed available information to date regarding Supreme Court candidate Brett Kavanaugh, please be advised that at this time I consider Brett an excellent choice." Source: IGA Inbox. July 13, 2018.

**County Commissioner Tucker Dorsey (NP, AL):** "I am writing this letter in support of Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh and his quest to become a Supreme Court Judge. Judge Kavanaugh is the most experienced candidate for this position, with over 300 published opinions. He is a "Judge's Judge." Judge Kavanaugh has served for over a decade as a Federal Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, commonly referred to as the "Second High Court in the Land," and he has built a first-rate judicial record and reputation. Judge Kavanaugh is universally respected for his intellect, persuasiveness, and ability to build consensus. He understands that the role of a judge is to faithfully interpret the law, not to legislate from the bench. His authoritative legal opinions are known to shape the law and are often cited by judges across the country. Judge Kavanaugh has an impressive career of public service and his academic credentials are superb. I believe he possesses the qualities and experience to be an excellent judge. Judge Kavanaugh will make an excellent addition to the bench." Source: IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**County Commissioner William Dozier (NP, FL):** "It is my pleasure to respectfully submit this letter in support of Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh to fill the Supreme Court vacancy. I serve currently as Chairman for the Board of County Commissioners and find it refreshing that Judge Kavanaugh has devoted his life to public service and comes from a family that has chosen to do so as well. Judge Kavanaugh consistently exemplifies a professional and ethical character in his efforts and pursuit to stop government overreach and regulations on private citizens. Thank you for allowing me to express my views and taking the time to provide the accomplishments, experience, and contributions of Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh." Source: IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018.

**County Supervisor Mike Hankins (NP, VA):** "To Whom It May Concern, This letter is for a show of my support for Judge Brett Kavanaugh. For the Supreme Court of this country we need to pick the most qualified legal minds to serve. Judge Kavanaugh currently serves on the second highest court in the land, the D.C. Circuit Court. He graduated from Yale Law School and is a Lecturer at Harvard Law School. He clerked for Justice Kennedy. He has a proven track record. He has 300+ published opinions and he applies the law "as written" in the text and structure of the U.S. Constitution. Judge Kavanaugh is a leader among his peers. He is considered a "judges judge". The Supreme Court has endorsed his opinions more than a dozen times. His opinions are often cited by courts across the land. 39 of his clerks have gone on to clerk for the Supreme Court. Britt Grant, one of his clerks, is on the President's list as a Supreme Court nominee. He has a record of opposing over regulations on private citizens. Judge Kavanaugh has coached youth baseball, is a church going volunteer, a mentor in local schools, and has two school age children. His mother is a Judge in the Maryland Circuit Court and is a leader for women in the legal profession. He and his wife have 2 children in school so he is a family man. 'The judge's job is to interpret the law, not to make the law or make policy. So, read the words of the statue as written. Read the text of the Constitution as written, mindful of history and tradition. Don't make up new constitutional rights that are not in the text of the Constitution. Don't shy away from enforcing constitutional rights that are in the text of the Constitution.' This was written by Judge Brett Kavanaugh. What a simple and direct job description for a Supreme Court Justice. Please support Judge Kavanaugh for his appointment to the Supreme Court of the United States. Thank You." Source: IGA Inbox. July 23, 2018.

## Sheriffs

**Sheriff Bob Johnson (NP, Santa Rosa, FL):** "I strongly support President Trump's SCOTUS pick. I believe Brett Kavanaugh will be a fine addition to the US Supreme Court." Source: Statement Sent by Sheriff. July 10, 2018.

**Sheriff David P. Decatur, Jr. (NP, Stafford County, VA):** "The selection of Judge Brett Kavanaugh is just another example of President Trump keeping his promises to the American people. Judge Kavanaugh is an outstanding, highly qualified candidate who will protect our constitution and serve our Country well." Source: Statement Sent by Sheriff. July 10, 2018.

**Sheriff Al Nienhuis (NP, Hernando County, FL):** "I am honored to join President Donald Trump in offering my support of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve as our next United States Supreme Court Justice. I, as an elected Florida Sheriff with decades of law enforcement experience, want nothing more than to have a Supreme Court Justice that understands that our judiciary's function is to interpret the written law of the land. The role of Supreme Court Justice is critically important to our brave law enforcers and to everyday Americans. Judge Kavanaugh is a well-respected and accomplished jurist who respects the rule of law and understands that the United States Constitution must be honestly interpreted with the absence of outside motivations. I would urge you to join President Trump supporting the confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh." Source: Statement Sent by Sheriff. July 10, 2018.

**Sheriff David B. Shoar (NP, St. Johns County, FL):** No one, regardless of their background or their current political philosophy can argue that Judge Kavanaugh is not one of the most qualified individuals in the Nation to serve as a member of the United States Supreme Court. If that is the case, those who will oppose his nomination are doing so not because of his lack of qualifications but because of the dislike and in some cases hate that they have for the man, our President, who nominated him. They so unfairly assume that because someone is nominated by the President, he or she will follow in lock step with that President's political and legal philosophy, how unfair and shallow. Ironically, history has demonstrated numerous examples where those individuals nominated by the President delivered many opinions contrary to the philosophy the President that nominated him or her. President Trump through the appointment of Judge Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court has once again demonstrated his courage by discharging his duties exactly as they were intended and that is to find one of the most qualified individuals in the legal profession and put their name forward for confirmation. "Source: IGA Inbox. July 12, 2018.

**Sheriff Mark Hunter (NP, Columbia County, FL):** "I support President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee. Judge Brett Kavanaugh of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Judge Kavanaugh's proven track record of upholding the constitution as written and not allowing his judgement to be swayed by personal policy preferences is exactly what we need in the United States Supreme Court." Source: IGA Inbox. July 13, 2018.

**Sheriff Steve Smith (NP, Greene County, VA):** "I fully endorse Brett Kavanaugh for the next Supreme Court. He has a record that he will be his own man making decisions and be an independent thinker on very important issues. He has the values that that will make sure our country stays strong and an example to the rest of the world as to how courts are one of the most important parts of our system." Source: IGA Inbox. July 16, 2018.

**Sheriff Michael Chapman (NP, Loudoun County, VA):** "As the twice elected Sheriff of Virginia's largest full service Sheriff's Office, I am pleased to support Judge Brett Kavanaugh's nomination for Justice of the US Supreme Court. Nothing is more important to law enforcement officers than the rule of law, justice, consistency, and protecting the safety of our citizens. Judge Kavanaugh is a true Constitutional, has a proven history of adhering to judicial precedents, and has a demonstrated history of insightful, solid rulings. He is exactly what our Country needs in Supreme Court Justice. He has an incomparable education, strong values, and is a dedicated family man. I cannot imagine a better nominee for a Supreme Court Justice than Judge Kavanaugh." Source: IGA Inbox. July 17, 2018.

**Sheriff J.D. "Danny" Diggs (NP, York County, VA):** "We should all be ecstatic as a nation that the President has nominated Judge Brett Kavanaugh to be our next Supreme Court Justice. There is no reason for anyone to oppose his nomination. Having been an Appeals Court Judge for more than 12 years, have you heard anyone criticize him up until now? The answer is no because he has proven himself to be loyal to the Constitution and the rule of law and has demonstrated this through his decisions and opinions. Judge Kavanaugh has been on the U. S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit for more than 12 years. He has more than 300 published opinions. Based on his writings, we know that he is a judge that will apply the law as it is written and that he will interpret the Constitution as the Founders intended. The Supreme Court has endorsed his opinions more than a dozen times and his 100 most-cited opinions have been cited by more than 210 judges across the country Judge Kavanaugh once wrote, "The judge's job is to interpret the law, not to make the law or make policy. So read the words of the statute as written. Read the text of the Constitution as written, mindful of history and tradition. Don't make up new constitutional rights that are not in the text of the Constitution. Don't shy away from enforcing constitutional rights that are in the text of the Constitution." This is exactly the type of Justice that we need. He is a man who respects the Constitution and who has a proven track record of making informed and thoughtful decisions. President Trump has chosen a man who has outstanding credentials and who has already proven his judicial abilities through his many court decisions. He has shown that he will make decisions based on the law and the Constitution, not his personal views. I fully support his nomination and hope that you would contact your Senators and ask them to support him, too." Source: IGA Inbox. July 25, 2018.

#### County Attorneys

**County Attorney Sheila Polk (NP, Yavapai County, AZ):** "To Whom It May Concern, I write to voice my unequivocal support for the nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court. His credentials are impeccable and his lengthy career in public service proves him to be a person of high moral character singularly qualified to serve on this nation's highest court. Judge Kavanaugh has written over 300 published opinions which give our country the reassurance that he will apply the law as written and enforce the text, structure, and the original understanding of the United States Constitution. It is clear that Judge Kavanaugh understands that the role of a judge is to faithfully interpret the law, not to legislate from the bench. Judge Kavanaugh has demonstrated through his work his support of the need to protect our national security as well as a thorough understanding of the realities that law enforcement officers face daily. His authoritative legal opinions are known to shape the law and are often cited by judges around the country. It is my honor to support his nomination. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me." Source: IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018

#### Judges and Justices

**Justice Tom Parker (NP, AL):** "Statement on the nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh: 'This nomination will move us closer to a U.S. Supreme Court that will again respect the Constitution and return our form of government to that which the Founders intended.' –Justice Tom Parker, Alabama Supreme Court." [Source](#). July 11, 2018

#### **State Agriculture Directors**

**State Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller (R, TX)** – "Congratulations Judge Brett Kavanaugh. We look forward to your swift confirmation and your long and honored service on #SCOTUS." He also posted "ALL should support President Trump's nominee to SCOTUS. Judge Kavanaugh will make an excellent Supreme Court Justice. #MAGA" [Source](#). July 9, 2018 and July 11, 2018.

**Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam (R, FL):** "History in the making. Judge Brett Kavanaugh is an outstanding #SCOTUSpick by President @realDonaldTrump who will defend the Constitution as written." [Tweet](#)

**Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt (R, WV):** Today, I asked @Sen\_JoeManchin to confirm Judge Kavanaugh to the US Supreme Court. Farmers and the people of WV need a Justice that will fight back against unnecessary federal overreach #wvpolToday, I asked @Sen\_JoeManchin to confirm Judge Kavanaugh to the US Supreme Court. Farmers and the people of WV need a Justice that will fight back against unnecessary federal overreach #wvpol!" [Tweet](#)

**Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt (R, WV):** "Over the years, Judge Kavanaugh has been a strong vote protecting American businesses from illegal job-killing regulations. In fact, Judge Kavanaugh has led the effort to rein in unaccountable agencies, and his decisions have helped kill some of President Obama's most destructive new environmental rules. In all, Judge Kavanaugh has voted to overrule federal agency action 75 times, and has rejected the EPA's efforts to impose massive regulations without considering the economic costs of those regulations." Kent Leonhardt's full op-ed can be found [here](#).

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**To:** Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** Pottebaum, Nic D. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** Vice President Pence- 10:30 AM White House Conference Call on SCOTUS Nomination

We hope that you can join this morning's conference call regarding President Trump's Supreme Court nomination. Vice President Pence looks forward to sharing his perspective on President Trump's nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh.

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**From:** Michael P. Botticelli <OIPL@ondcp.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 19, 2017 2:55 PM  
**To:** Brnovich, Mark  
**Subject:** Transition



## **Transition**

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Today is my last day as Director of National Drug Control Policy. Words cannot describe how grateful I am for the opportunity to be President Obama's drug policy advisor and to lead such a great organization. Our challenges have been immense, but with the help of my team at ONDCP and with the help of all of you, we have made considerable progress in our understanding and treatment of substance use as a public health issue, working collaboratively with our incredible law enforcement partners and developing long lasting and trusting relationships with our Interagency colleagues, Congress and our partner nations. It has truly been an honor to serve this President as part of his Administration and to serve the American people. As I have often said, my story of recovery is not unique. I am one of millions of Americans who have been given another chance at a happy and productive life. There is much work ahead of us and I remain committed to doing my part to advance this work.

I am also pleased to let you know that President Obama has chosen Kemp Chester as the Acting Director of ONDCP during this transition. Kemp has been the Associate Director for the National Heroin Coordination Group here in ONDCP since October 2015. Before coming to ONDCP Kemp was the Senior Director for National Security and Intelligence at a private sector consulting firm here in the Washington, D.C. area. Prior to that, Kemp retired from the Army after 27 years of service, his last tour being at the Defense Intelligence Agency where he was the Deputy Director for Intelligence of the Americas Regional Center and Chief of the Office of Counternarcotics Worldwide.

I know that you will give him all of the support you gave me over the past few years.

With profound thanks,

Michael

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**From:** Office of Intergovernmental and Public Liaison <ONDCP-OIPL@ondcp.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 13, 2019 4:08 PM  
**Subject:** ONDCP News: Jim Carroll's First Week as Sworn-In Director



THE WHITE HOUSE

FROM THE **Office of National Drug Control Policy**

Dear friends,

Last week, I had the pleasure of sharing the National Drug Control Strategy with you all. This document provides the framework for the all-of-government approach needed to reduce the number of Americans losing their lives to drug addiction and to build a stronger, healthier society. Thank you for your feedback on the strategy-- I appreciate hearing from you and learning about what is happening in your communities so we can celebrate successes together and, most importantly, learn how we can help.

*"Addiction is a disease, and we at ONDCP will continue to work tirelessly to prevent drug use before it happens, promote treatment services that lead to long-term recovery, and reduce the availability of illicit drugs in this country."*

- ONDCP Director Jim Carroll



My first week as the sworn-in Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy has been productive, and I am continuously grateful for this opportunity to work for each of you and for our children.

I joined First Lady Melania Trump to speak with young people at the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America's (CADCA) annual forum. Many of the youth at this conference are affiliated with one of the 731 Drug-Free Communities (DFC) that are funded by the Office of National Drug Control Policy. **The DFC model is proven to work--** our DFC grantees demonstrate reductions in past 30-day use of tobacco, marijuana, alcohol, and prescription drugs

in both middle school and high school students. In 2018, nearly 62.8 million Americans lived in a community with a DFC-funded coalition, and ONDCP is able to provide this crucial grant funding to prevent youth substance abuse in all 50 states. Stay tuned for more information on applying for the Drug-Free Communities Support Program grants in 2019.



*Official White House photo by Andrea Hanks*

Mrs. Trump joined me and subject matter experts at ONDCP for a roundtable discussion on current drug challenges in the country and the importance of coordination to increase efficiency and effectiveness. I often say that this is not just an opioid crisis— this is an addiction crisis— and we need an all-hands-on-deck approach to save lives. This means bringing public health, law enforcement, data, science, and intelligence together to fully address the issue. **I am pleased to announce one of my first acts as Director of ONDCP was establishing a Public Health Group** in the office to be led by June Sivilli, and that Anne Hazlett will be joining the team as our Senior Adviser for Rural Affairs. She will join Dr. Roneet Lev, the first Chief Medical Officer in the history of ONDCP to ensure that the health of individuals and communities is considered in all decision-making.



*Official White House photo by Andrea Hanks*

Law enforcement has always played a crucial role in the way we keep communities safe and healthy, and it was my honor to bring leadership from our 29 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program grantees to the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on Thursday. **The HIDTA program facilitates cooperation among Federal, State, local and Tribal enforcement agencies, enhances law enforcement intelligence, and ensures we are maximizing the use of available resources through coordination.** Alaska received its first HIDTA grant in May 2018, and I am pleased we now have successful programs in all 50 states.



Vice President Pence and Kellyanne Conway, Counselor to the President, joined me thanking our HIDTA leaders and other law enforcement including the Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI) and Law Enforcement Against Drugs (L.E.A.D) members for their work. Vice President Pence, who joined the HIDTA Directors and officials for a photo, stated, "We all know the statistics of the heartbreak, the loss of life, and devastated families from drug abuse and addiction, and the nefarious drug trade in this country. But you are also responsible every day for the stories that never happened. The drugs that never got to the streets. The families that were never shattered. And I want you all to know that the American people, this President, and our administration understand that and are grateful for it." See Vice President Pence's [full remarks here](#).

On February 15, Ashley Evans from Ohio will celebrate one year and one month in recovery. Ashley joined Mrs. Trump as a guest for the State of the Union, and I was proud to hear her story of perseverance and recovery. **We know that recovery is possible, and I stand with each of you who share your stories of recovery every day. Please [email me](#) and let me know what date you celebrate your Recovery Anniversary.** I hope to join with you in celebrating each year of recovery you obtain.

I know more Americans need access to quality drug treatment, and am happy to share that the [National Health Services Corps](#) is currently soliciting applications for the Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program. Eligible providers include health professionals (behavioral and substance use counselors) working in underserved areas to expand access to

substance use disorder treatment. Read the 2019 Application and Program Guidance, and apply through February 21.

It has been an incredible first week as the sworn in Director of ONDCP and I look forward to continuing work with you on our shared goals.

Sincerely,

James W. Carroll

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**From:** Office of Intergovernmental and Public Liaison <ONDCP-OIPL@ondcp.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2019 6:41 PM  
**To:** Office of Intergovernmental and Public Liaison  
**Subject:** Release of the Administration's National Drug Control Strategy



THE WHITE HOUSE

**FROM THE Office of National Drug Control Policy**

Dear Friends,

Today, we are pleased to release the *National Drug Control Strategy*, which establishes the President's priorities for addressing the challenge of drug trafficking and use. This *Strategy* provides the strategic direction necessary for the Federal government to build a stronger, healthier, drug-free society today and in the years to come by drastically reducing the number of Americans losing their lives to drug addiction. The overarching goal of the *Strategy* is to save lives by engaging in a comprehensive approach that includes preventing initiates to drug use, promoting treatment services leading to long-term recovery, and aggressively reducing the availability of illicit drugs in America's communities.

The President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioids Crisis stated that "substance abuse prevention is a process which requires a shift in behavior, culture, and community norms." This will require ongoing efforts with a holistic approach. Families, communities, faith organizations, education, and mass media all play a role in supporting this process. The *Strategy* emphasizes the importance of preventing drug use before it begins with early intervention and evidence-based programming with a focus on at-risk youth populations. We will also look to improve the effectiveness of prescription drug monitoring plans (PDMPs) by enhancing integration and data-sharing, and encouraging mandatory PDMP checks.

Addiction is a chronic disease that affects the brain, and individuals with substance use disorders deserve to be treated with dignity. We know that treatment works and that recovery is possible. The Administration will continue to stand with and support Americans in recovery. There needs to be more hiring opportunities for people in recovery, and increased access to diversion courts and peer recovery networks including collegiate and high school recovery programs. We must be relentless in reducing the stigma of addiction.

Almost all illicit drugs used in the United States are produced outside of the country and then trafficked in across the Nation's borders. We must use all available tools and resources to stem the flow of illicit drugs into our country, including increasing border security and enhancing coordination between law enforcement to reduce the availability of drugs. We need to work

closely with our international partners, harden access points that drug traffickers use to enter America and proactively develop new means of drug detection.

We know you work tirelessly each day to make your community safer and healthier, and this *Strategy* supports your efforts. It includes essential steps that must be taken to reverse the impact drugs are having on our country. By empowering Federal, state, local and Tribal groups, we will be better positioned to collaborate and generate impactful results as we continue to address the country's addiction crisis. Most importantly, the *Strategy* allows you – those on the front lines of this crisis – to respond in a way that meets your community's needs.

President Trump has clearly stated that “we will work to strengthen vulnerable families and communities, and we will help to build and grow a stronger, healthier, and drug-free society.” The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy looks forward to a sustained partnership with you as we work together on these shared goals in the months and years to come.

We will announce the release of the *Strategy* on our Twitter page ([@ONDCP](#)) later today and welcome your help distributing it to a wider audience. Please feel free to retweet it or compose an original tweet mentioning [@ONDCP](#).

Sincerely,

James W. Carroll

Director

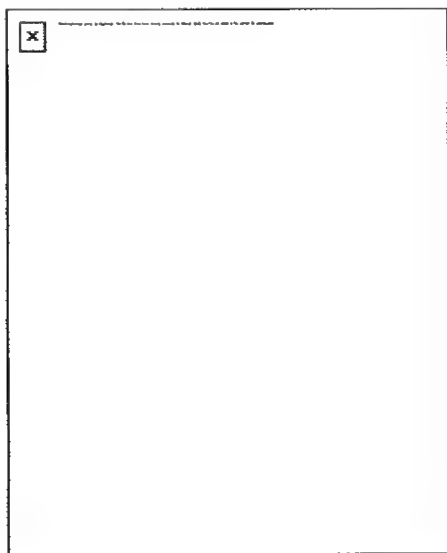
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**From:** OIPL@ondcp.eop.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2018 2:31 AM  
**To:** Nelson, Tim  
**Subject:** Meet Deputy Director Jim Carroll



*Deputy Director Carroll was nominated by President Trump to serve as the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy on April 23, 2018.*



Friends and Colleagues,

Your commitment and investment in addressing substance use is making a difference in people's lives and it inspires me every day. I have met many of you who are on the front lines and I look forward to meeting many more of you in the days ahead. In the meantime, I want you to know why I feel so committed to and passionate about our shared mission.

I began my career as a prosecutor in Virginia where I still live today with my wife and children. I have spent most of my career working in public service, including holding multiple positions in the George W. Bush and

Trump Administrations. Before joining ONDCP and being nominated to become its next Director, I served as an Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff in the White House where I worked with the team in the West Wing and policy experts across the Administration to help coordinate the President's efforts to address the opioid crisis.

We are facing urgent threats in substance use, which claims the lives of 174 of our fellow Americans every day. Since joining ONDCP in February, I have been meeting with families, government officials, public health experts, law enforcement officers, treatment providers, recovering Americans, and many others who are working to address substance use. I've seen up close that this crisis does not discriminate. My driving force each and every day is the people who have been affected by addiction and the families that have been torn apart. We have an enormous challenge before us, but I remain optimistic because I have also seen how many people on the ground and in the Administration are committed to turning the tide on this epidemic.

Addressing the opioid crisis is one of President Trump's top priorities. In March, the President announced his Initiative to Stop Opioid Abuse and Reduce Drug Supply and Demand, which is aimed at educating the public about the dangers of opioid misuse, ending the over-prescription of opioid medications, supporting treatment and recovery in the community, and stopping the flow of drugs across our borders and into our communities. Everyone at ONDCP will stay focused on doing everything we can to make sure overdoses go down, access to treatment goes up, and drug traffickers are brought to justice.

Last week, ONDCP launched a public education campaign to help bridge the knowledge gap on opioids, particularly among young people. With this campaign, we are sharing compelling stories of real people who struggled with opioid addiction, got the help they needed, and achieved recovery. We have also launched a website at [www.opioids.thetruth.com](http://www.opioids.thetruth.com) that provides information about how to avoid misusing opioids – and how to get help for those who need it.

I am grateful for your efforts in helping to reduce the devastating effects of addiction. Without you, none of this would be possible. Working together, we will make a difference and reduce drug use so our children and grandchildren can grow up in a healthier, safer Nation.

Again, thank you for all that you do. I am eager to work with you to achieve our shared goals of saving lives, strengthening our communities, and safeguarding our country.

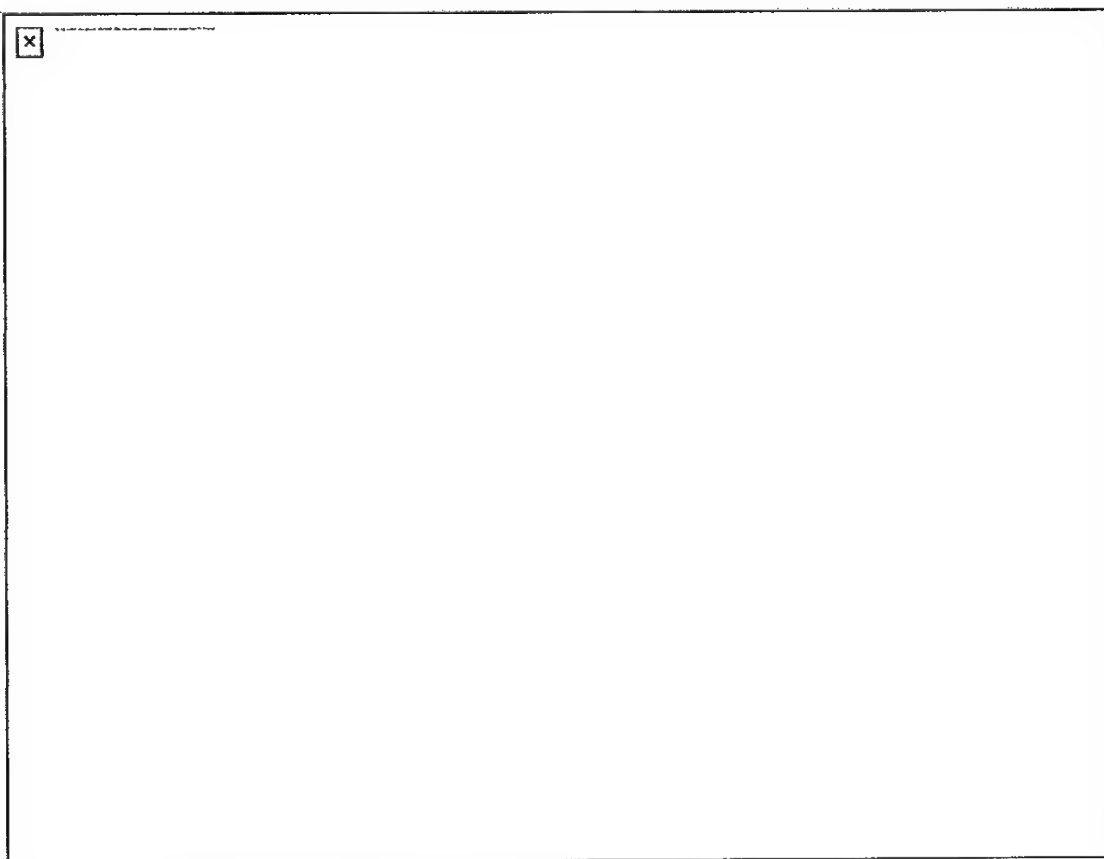
Sincerely,

Jim Carroll  
Deputy Director  
Office of National Drug Control Policy

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**From:** OIPL@ondcp.eop.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 01, 2018 11:39 AM  
**To:** Nelson, Tim  
**Subject:** ONDCP Designates Alaska HIDTA- First regional designation since 2001



Dear Friends,

I am happy to announce the designation of the areas surrounding Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau as High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA). With this designation, the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) is establishing the first new regional HIDTA program since 2001. This decision enables Alaska to receive Federal resources to further the coordination and development of drug control efforts among Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers, and allow local agencies to benefit from ongoing HIDTA initiatives that are working to reduce drug trafficking

across the United States.

This historic designation brings the HIDTA program full circle, and they will now be located in all 50 states. The HIDTA program plays a vital role in the United States by keeping dangerous drugs off of our streets. We look forward to working with the local, tribal, state and Federal partners in Alaska to connect them with the resources they need to address the unique challenges they face.

The HIDTA program was created by Congress in 1988 and serves as a catalyst for coordination among Federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies operating in areas determined to be critical drug trafficking regions of the United States. Law enforcement organizations working within HDTAs assess drug-trafficking problems and design specific initiatives to decrease the production, transportation, and distribution of drugs. Some HDTAs across the country also work closely with local partners to reduce the demand for drugs, including public health officials that work to connect drug users to treatment, especially after an overdose. With the designation of portions of Alaska, there are 29 HDTAs located in 50 states, as well as in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia.

Additionally, Alaska currently has three Drug Free Community (DFC) support funded community coalitions located in Sitka, the Ketchikan, and Mat-Su Valley.

Thank you for the work you are doing to keep your communities safe, healthy, and drug free,

- James W. Carroll  
Deputy Director, National Drug Control Policy

*Learn more about the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program [here](#).*

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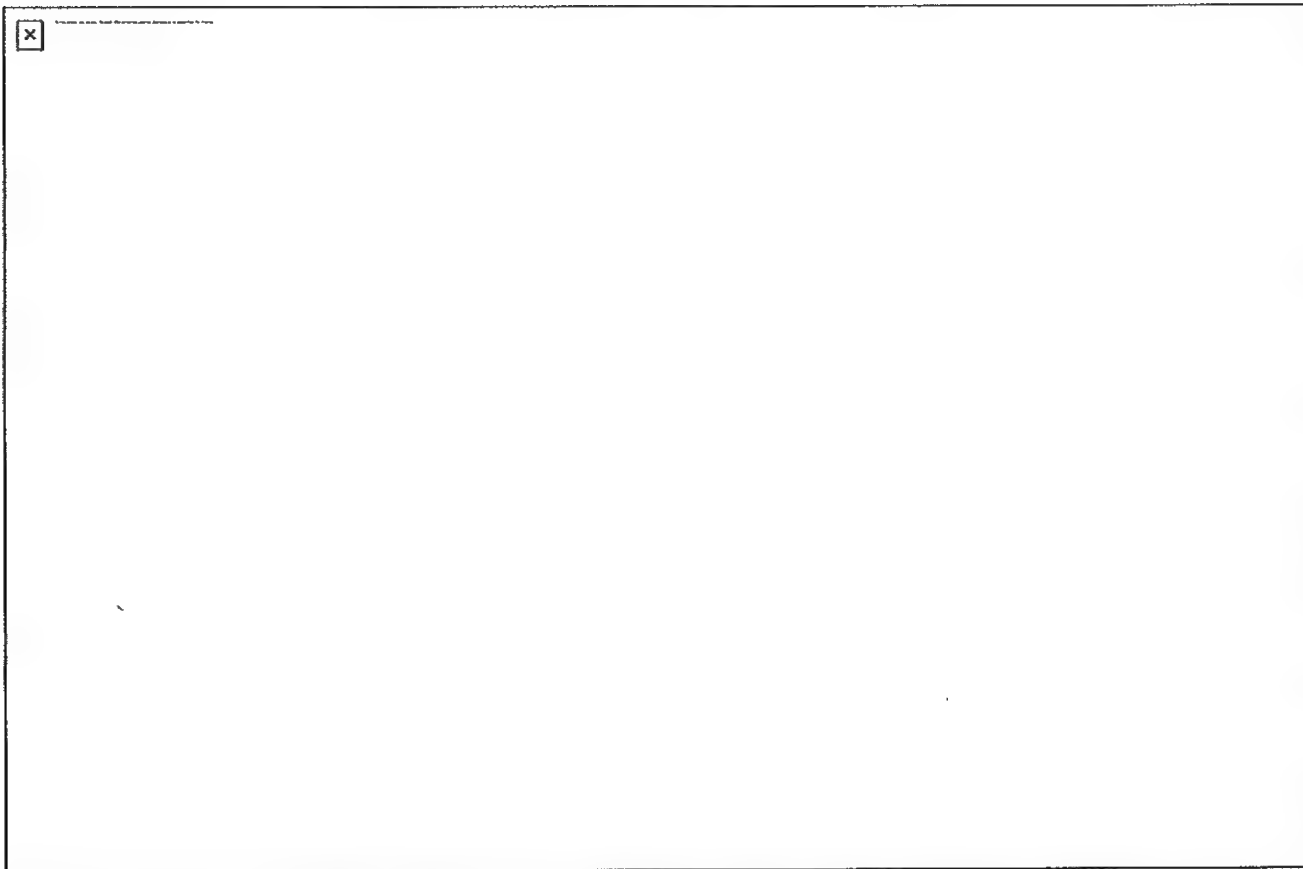
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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 01, 2017 6:54 AM  
**To:** Nelson, Tim  
**Subject:** TUNE IN TODAY- Final Meeting of the President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction



Please join us at 1:30pm EST today for the final meeting of the President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis as the Commission issues its Final Report at [www.Whitehouse.gov/live](http://www.Whitehouse.gov/live).

Learn more about the Commission [here](#).

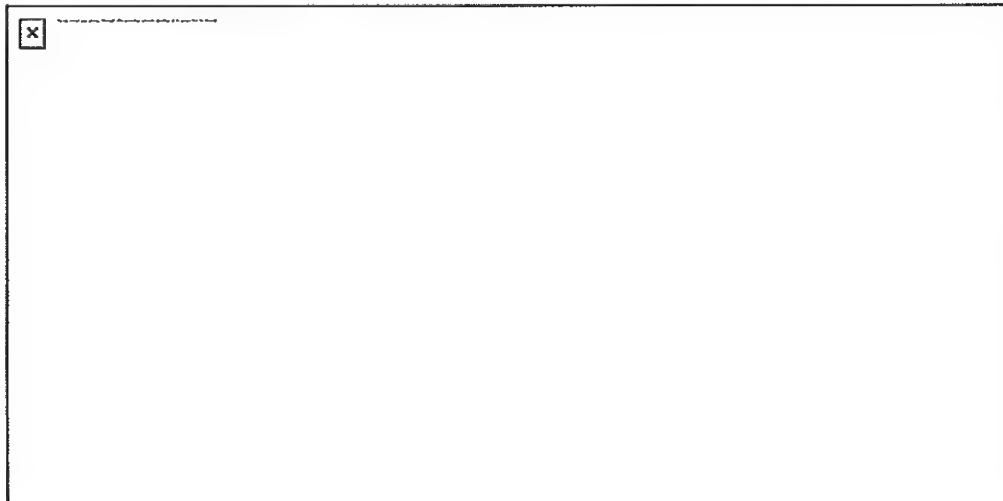
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**From:** OIPL@ondcp.eop.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 12:01 PM  
**To:** Nelson, Tim  
**Subject:** ONDCP Announces \$89 million in Grants, and Upcoming Commission Meeting



**ONDCP's Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program announced 719 DFC grant awards totaling \$89 million for FY 2017**



The \$89 million in DFC Support Program grants to 719 local drug prevention coalitions, announced on September 20, is the largest number of single-year grantees since the program's founding.

The grants will provide local community coalitions funding to prevent youth substance use, including prescription drugs, marijuana, tobacco, and alcohol.

The DFC Program, created by the Drug-Free Communities Act of 1997, is the Nation's leading effort to mobilize communities to prevent youth drug use. Grounded in the philosophy that local problems need local solutions, the DFC Program is designed to support communities as they mobilize individuals and organizations to reduce youth substance use.

For Fiscal Year 2017, the new DFC grant awards represent a total Federal investment of \$12.6 million in grants. DFC continuation grants represent a total Federal investment of \$76.7 million. The DFC Support Program is a matching Federal grant where each community provides a minimum of one-to-one match in local funding for each Federal dollar awarded, thereby doubling the government's investment while leveraging local support.

Included in these FY 2017 awards are 3 new DFC Mentoring grants totaling \$225,000 and 3 DFC Mentoring continuation grants totaling \$225,000. Mentoring grants are awarded to

existing DFC coalitions to assist new coalitions build the capacity necessary to apply for DFC funding on their own in the future.

To learn more about the DFC Program as well as our Fiscal Year 2017 grant award recipients, please visit: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/ondcp/grants-programs>. If you are one of the 719 DFC-funded community coalitions receiving funds in FY 2017 make sure to follow us @ONDCP and use #drugfreecommunities!

### **TUNE IN: Third Meeting of the President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis**

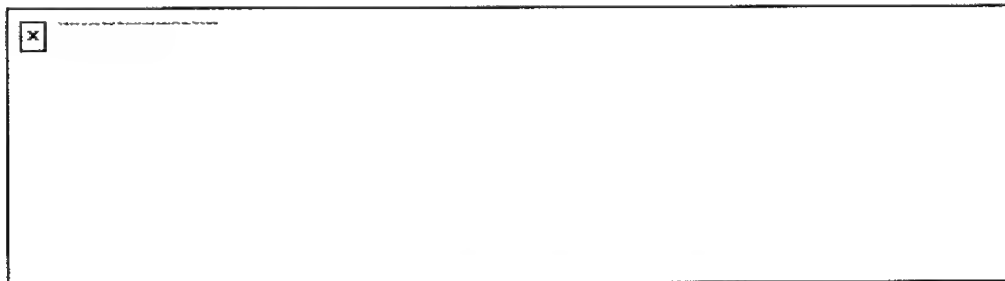
On September 27, the President's Commission will convene for its third meeting. This discussion will include statements to the Commission from invited government, nonprofit, and business organizations regarding Innovative Pain Management and Prevention Measures for Diversion, followed by discussion of the issues raised.

Join this meeting virtually at [www.whitehouse.gov/live](http://www.whitehouse.gov/live) on September 27 starting at 12:30pm.

Written comments or recommendations can be submitted to the Commission by emailing [commission@ondcp.eop.gov](mailto:commission@ondcp.eop.gov).

More information about the Commission can be found on the Commission's webpage at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/ondcp/presidents-commission>

### **Recovery Walks!**



On Saturday, September 23, ONDCP Acting Director Richard Baum will take part in the Nation's largest Recovery Month celebration, Recovery Walks! A 2.3-mile celebratory walk through downtown Philadelphia that is followed by a rally at Penn's Landing, the event attracted 26,000 participants last year and is expected to be even larger this year. Director Baum will help lead the walk, will address participants at the rally, and will present framed copies of President Trump's National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month Proclamation to the event's hosts, PRO-ACT (Pennsylvania Recovery Organization - Achieving Community Together) and the Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Disability Services.

You can find more information on the Philadelphia walk at [www.recoverywalks.org/](http://www.recoverywalks.org/).

To find Recovery Month events near you or to learn how you can host one, check out the Recovery Month website: [www.recoverymonth.gov](http://www.recoverymonth.gov).

## **ONDCP Engagement with the Police, Treatment and Community Collaborative (PTAC)**

In coordination with Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC), ONDCP had the opportunity to meet with a number of pre-arrest diversion programs who are part of the Police, Treatment and Community Collaborative (PTAC) on September 13<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was hosted by the International Association of Chiefs of Police. The PTAC Collaborative was launched in April 2017 with a mission to strategically widen community behavioral health and social service options available through law enforcement diversion. The group is named for the collaborative relationship between police, treatment, and community necessary to make police diversion possible, with a stated purpose of providing national vision, leadership, voice, and action to reframe the relationship between law enforcement, treatment, and community.

The roundtable meeting brought together programs who are utilizing new and collaborative pathways to treatment to include self-referral, active outreach, “naloxone plus,” officer prevention, and officer intervention. While all of these programs provide promising early results and excellent bridges between the law enforcement and behavioral health communities, each community must determine which approach solves its problem, fits the local situation, and can be addressed through current behavioral health capacity.

For more information, visit <http://www2.centerforhealthandjustice.org/content/project/police-treatment-and-community-collaborative-ptac-collaborative>

## **October is National Substance Abuse Prevention Month**

Join ONDCP in recognizing National Substance Abuse Prevention Month. NSAPM is an annual observance focused on raising the public awareness and encouraging communities to take action and get involved to prevent substance use. Each year families, communities, and organizations across the country come together to raise awareness about the importance of substance use prevention and the importance of investing in prevention first. This year's theme is the “*Power of Investing in Prevention*”. We encourage communities to join together to ensure evidence-based prevention programs, policies, and practices are implemented at the local level.

As part of prevention month, we encourage coalitions and providers to host community health events and partner with their local Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) during **DEA's Take Back Day on October 28, 2017**. Take Back Day is an opportunity for coalitions and providers to raise awareness about screening and treatment services for those in need. Please continue to utilize DEA's Take Back Day to return unwanted prescriptions and utilize this event to bring together providers.

Click [here](#) to find an FQHC near you.

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**From:** OIPL@ondcp.eop.gov  
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**Acting Director Baum Strongly Supports President Trump's Announcement on the Opioid Epidemic**

*Baum agrees with the President: Opioid Epidemic needs a full-scale response*

**Washington, D.C.** – Yesterday, President Donald J. Trump announced that he instructed his Administration to use all appropriate emergency and other authorities to respond to the crisis caused by the opioid epidemic.

In response to the announcement, Richard J. Baum, Acting Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, said, "I strongly support President Trump's announcement to further address the opioid epidemic. We are currently facing the worst drug epidemic in American history. The President is providing clear and decisive leadership we need to help us get assistance to those who need it most."

Earlier this week, Acting Director Baum joined the President and Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price in Bedminster, New Jersey, to further discuss the opioid epidemic with President Trump.

More than 2.4 million Americans currently struggle with opioid addiction. In 2015, more than 33,000 people died from drug overdoses involving opioids, and crude data for the first three quarters of 2016 indicate that the drug overdose death rate is still increasing.

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**Subject:** TUNE IN FRIDAY: The President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Epidemic



## **TUNE IN FRIDAY: The President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Epidemic – First Meeting**



This Friday, the President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Epidemic will hold its first meeting at the White House. The President established the Commission to review the state of drug addiction and the opioid epidemic and make recommendations regarding how the Federal Government can best address this crisis.

The Commission's members include New Jersey Governor Chris Christie (chair), Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker, North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper, former U.S. Representative Patrick Kennedy, and Dr. Bertha Madras of Harvard Medical School. The Commission's first meeting will feature testimony from many stakeholder groups on the front lines of this epidemic.

The meeting will be livestreamed on [www.WhiteHouse.gov/live](http://www.WhiteHouse.gov/live) beginning at 12:30 PM EST.

### **Acting Director Op-Ed Published in The Hill**

On Thursday, May 18, President Trump welcomed Colombian President Santos to the White House for a meeting where they discussed bilateral cooperation, most notably the issue of increased coca cultivation and cocaine production in Colombia. Acting Director of National Drug Control Policy Richard Baum penned an op-ed to preview the meeting, highlighting the need for increased cooperation between the United States and Colombia to combat the surge in cocaine that has led to worrisome increases in domestic use.

Read the article [here](#).

### **DFC Provides the Skills and Resources for Sustainable Prevention in Communities**



Following 10 years of funding through the Drug-Free Communities Grant Program, the Dover Coalition for Youth has had nearly three years of success sustaining all of the Coalition's previous activities. The Dover, NH-based coalition has received sustainability

resources from a variety of sources, with significant assistance from their local healthcare facility, Wentworth-Douglass Hospital. The hospital partnership has resulted in the coalition being able to expand its response to the opioid problem in the community. They have developed policies for first responders, educated medical providers on substance use disorders, launched a prevention based media campaign, and have worked to install permanent medication drop boxes in the community, among other activities.

Over the 25 years of the coalition's existence, they have developed a level of expertise in creating and implementing a youth empowerment program. The youth component of the Coalition, called Dover Youth to Youth, has created over 100 radio and video PSAs; created local campaigns; and provides advocacy training for Coalitions throughout the US. This expertise has led to the coalition creating a youth empowerment toolkit and evaluating the program. Their youth empowerment model has been recognized by the State of New Hampshire as an evidence-based model and is being utilized by over 100 communities across the country. This has led to opportunities for the Dover Coalition to provide technical assistance to similar youth groups and an investment by their local United Way to create a network of youth empowerment groups in the seacoast region of NH in collaboration with Dover's program.

Learn more about ONDCP's grant programs [here](#).

### **National Heroin Coordination Group Helps Lead International Drug Scheduling**

ONDCP's National Heroin Coordination Group (NHCG), along with the National Security Council (NSC), the State Department, and interagency partners, are spearheading international cooperation on drug issues between the United States, Canada, and Mexico. It began with the first tri-lateral North American Drug Dialogue (NADD), a high-level meeting with Canadian and Mexican officials, last fall. One of the NADD's priorities was to develop tri-lateral responses and complementary activities to significantly reduce the availability of heroin, fentanyl, and fentanyl analogues on the North American continent. In March 2017, the NHCG led the development and hosted a follow-up series of technical workshops with U.S. Federal agencies and their Mexican and Canadian counterparts to improve the three countries' shared understanding of the impact of heroin, fentanyl, and fentanyl analogues on the North American continent. As a result, meetings and trainings are ongoing and will take place in all three countries.

Additionally, the NHCG, again in concert with the NSC, the State Department, and interagency partners, developed fentanyl safe-handling guidelines for Federal, state, and local law enforcement, and was key to U.S.-led efforts to encourage the United Nations to internationally schedule two key fentanyl precursors, NPP and ANPP, at the Commission on Narcotic Drugs meeting in Vienna in March 2017.

ONDCP's NHCG was established in 2015 and serves as an interagency hub for coordinating Federal government activities to significantly reduce the availability of heroin, fentanyl, and fentanyl analogues and overdose deaths in the U.S.

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**To:** Nelson, Tim  
**Subject:** President Trump's First Budget Commits Significant Resources to Fight the Opioid Epidemic



Dear Friends,

I'm sharing our press release about the President's FY 2018 Budget request that went out today to make sure you are aware of the news. Long story short: the President is requesting the largest-ever funding levels for our DFC and HIDTA programs, and \$280 million above the National Drug Control Budget's FY 2017 enacted levels. This is great news and it shows the White House strongly supports the mission of ONDCP to advise the President on national and international drug control policies and to ensure the effective coordination of drug control programs.

Turning the tide on the opioid epidemic will take all of us working together, and we're grateful to have the support of tremendous partners like you. On behalf of everyone at ONDCP, thank you for everything you do to help reduce drug use and its consequences.

I look forward to continuing our important work together.

All the best,

Richard Baum  
Acting Director of National Drug Control Policy

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### **President Trump's First Budget Commits Significant Resources to Fight the Opioid Epidemic**

*FY 2018 budget request includes \$27.8 billion in drug control efforts*

**Washington, D.C.** – Today, Richard Baum, Acting Director of National Drug Control Policy, announced drug-related requests in the Trump Administration's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget. The President's Budget, submitted to the U.S. Congress today, supports \$27.8 billion in drug control efforts including prevention, treatment, and law enforcement. Specifically, it supports \$1.3 billion in investments for Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act programs, 21<sup>st</sup> Century CURES Act programs, and other opioid-specific initiatives that seek to address the current epidemic.

“The President’s 2018 Budget calls for a larger investment in drug control policy than enacted FY 17 levels,” said **Richard Baum, Acting Director of National Drug Control Policy**. “By funding critical public health and public safety efforts, this budget demonstrates the Trump Administration’s commitment to stopping drugs from entering the country and supporting treatment efforts to address the burgeoning opioid epidemic.”

The FY 2018 Request includes:

- **\$12.1 billion** for treatment and prevention efforts, and a **\$15.6 billion** request for law enforcement, interdiction, and international initiatives.
- **\$10.8 billion** in treatment funding, which is an increase of nearly 2% from FY 2017 enacted levels. This includes **\$500 million** in State grants authorized in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century CURES Act to reduce opioid misuse and improve access to treatment, prevention, and recovery services.
- The budget request also secures our borders by investing **\$468.6 million** in drug-related funding to support the President’s request for high-priority tactical infrastructure and border security technology to stem the flow of people, drugs, and other illicit material illegally crossing the border.
- A **\$246.5 million** request for ONDCP’s High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program and a **\$91.9 million** request for its Drug-Free Communities Support program – both are the highest funding amounts ever requested.

Data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) indicate that the overall rate of current drug use among Americans 12 and older has been increasing gradually over the past 13 years, from 8.3 percent in 2002 to 10.1 percent in 2015—an increase of 22 percent. This increase is driven by an increase in marijuana use, rising from 6.2 percent in 2002 to 8.3 percent in 2014—an increase of 34 percent.

Earlier this year, President Trump created the President’s Commission on Combatting Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis. The Commission, which is being chaired by New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, is studying ways to combat and treat drug misuse, addiction, and the opioid epidemic. In coordination with ONDCP and the Office of American Innovation, it will make recommendations to the President for improving the Federal response to the opioid crisis.

For more information, visit [www.whitehouse.gov/ondcp](http://www.whitehouse.gov/ondcp)

To view the budget in full, please

visit: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/whitehouse.gov/files/omb/budget/fy2018/eop.pdf>

*The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy seeks to foster healthy individuals and safe communities by effectively leading the Nation’s effort to reduce drug use and its consequences.*

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**To:** Nelson, Tim  
**Subject:** Please RSVP: Briefing on the President's FY18 Budget



May 22, 2017

Dear Friend,

Please join ONDCP senior leadership and me for a briefing on the President's FY 2018 budget. The conference call will be held on Tuesday, May 23rd at 3:30 PM (EST).

**Please register to be included in this important discussion and learn how the President's FY18 budget supports the *National Drug Control Strategy* and programs in your communities.**

**Register here**

Please note that you will be able to ask questions on this outreach call utilizing the prompts from our moderator.

We look forward to your participation on Tuesday, May 23rd.

Sincerely,

Richard Baum  
Acting Director, National Drug Control Policy

**From:** OIPL@ondcp.eop.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 8:35 AM  
**To:** Nelson, Tim  
**Subject:** ONDCP May Newsletter: Prevention Week, the Importance of First Responders, and International Collaboration



### Champions Addressing the Opioid Epidemic through Hospitals

Hospitals are on the front lines of our efforts to address the national opioid crisis. ONDCP has recently engaged with a number of innovators and pioneers who are developing effective hospital-based approaches to the epidemic. These include:

- **Dr. Gail D’Onofrio**, who developed and evaluated protocols for buprenorphine induction in the emergency department and linkage with primary care at Yale New Haven Hospital. Dr. D’Onofrio is currently leading a National Institute on Drug Abuse-funded clinical trial replicating the protocol in EDs in Baltimore, Cincinnati, New York City, and Seattle. More information is available here.
- **Dr. Edward Bernstein** of Boston Medical Center, who recently launched the Faster Paths to Treatment program, an opioid-focused urgent care service coordination unit for people who have overdosed or have an opioid use disorder (OUD). This program is funded by the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services.
- **Dr. Traci Green** of Boston University and **Michelle Harter** of Anchor Recovery Community Centers, who launched the AnchorED, a project through which recovery coaches from Anchor Recovery Community Centers are available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week to engage overdose survivors in all Rhode Island hospital emergency departments. ONDCP continues to track progress of this project as it expands to include the **Anchor MORE (Mobile Outreach)** program, which deploys peer recovery coaches from Anchor Recovery Community Centers out into the community. **Champions Addressing the Opioid Epidemic through Hospitals**

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## **Innovative Approaches to Recovery at Local Fire Departments**



ONDCP Acting Director Richard Baum was recently briefed by the creators of two innovative fire department-led initiatives to address the opioid epidemic. Safe Station, a program developed in May 2016 by the City of Manchester, New Hampshire, welcomes people seeking help for addiction at any of the city's 10 fire stations, where they will be given a brief medical assessment to determine if hospitalization is required and handed off to a recovery coach or case manager for direct linkage to treatment. Within its first year of operation, the program has helped over 1,600 people seeking help for opioid use disorder or another substance use disorder.

Launched in 2016, the Revere, Massachusetts, Substance Use Disorder Initiative (SUDI) fields a team consisting of a fire fighter, a recovery coach, and a harm reduction specialist who conduct door-to-door follow up visits at the homes of overdose survivors and provide them and their with families information and resources including overdose prevention and naloxone training and kits, and offer to assist individuals in accessing treatment. The initiative is housed in a central office and coordinates the city's public health and public safety efforts in response to the opioid crisis.

ONDCP is reaching out to these and other innovative initiatives to learn from their successes so their models and best practices can be quickly replicated in communities across the country as we work to address the ongoing addiction and opioid epidemic.

Have a promising practice to share? Email your model to [OIPL@ondcp.eop.gov](mailto:OIPL@ondcp.eop.gov)

**Meet Helen Hernandez, the Administrator of the Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program**



The Drug-Free Communities Support Program is the only Federal youth substance use prevention program that directly funds communities. By directly funding community coalitions working to prevent drug use, the White House, Congressional leadership, and ONDCP are able to get a real-time check of what is happening on the ground all across the country.

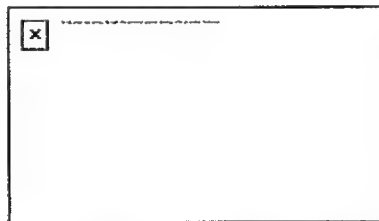
As the Administrator of this national program, Ms. Hernandez's main job is to ensure that DFC-funded community coalitions have the tools and resources they need to be effective in identifying the local youth substance use problems in their communities and developing their local sustainable solutions. With that guiding principle, she oversees the \$95 million budget appropriated by Congress, which is currently helping support 698 community coalitions nationwide. Since a key part of her job is making sure the funds are being used effectively and efficiently, Ms. Hernandez oversees the National Evaluation of the DFC Program, including the development of the new data collection system so coalitions will – for the first time ever – get a snapshot of how they are doing, and the day-to-day management of the program.

In 2010, Ms. Hernandez enlisted in the U.S. Public Health Service and was stationed at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention as a Public Health Advisor for the DFC Program. In this role, she was responsible for the day-to-day oversight of DFC grantees in Connecticut, New Hampshire, Ohio, and Puerto Rico. In 2013, she joined ONDCP as the manager of the entire DFC Program.

“My experience working with the leaders at the local level, who are boots on the ground, has given me a unique perspective on what community coalitions need from ONDCP. As a DFC Project Officer, I had the opportunity to speak and visit with coalitions and understand what their challenges were and together we would brainstorm on the best possible strategies and solutions. At the time, my impact was just with those coalitions I oversaw. I took the lessons I learned and used them to guide how I work, how I advise ONDCP about drug policy, and how we make this program more effective. I know firsthand that community mobilizing is hard work but we have been able to accomplish a lot, and our national evaluation demonstrates that.” The February 2016 National Evaluation of the DFC program showed prevalence of alcohol use by middle school youth declined by 26%, prevalence of marijuana use declined by 14%, and prevalence of illicit prescription drug use declined by 11% from the first to the most recent data reports across all DFC coalitions ever funded.

Prior to joining the Federal government, Ms. Hernandez served as a Health Educator with the Miami-Dade Area Health Education Center as a breast cancer awareness and prevention advocate, where she delivered over 300 bilingual trainings to a primarily youth-based audience. Ms. Hernandez earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Health Education from the University of Florida, and received her Master’s in Public Health with a concentration in Community Health from Florida International University.

#### **Get Involved in SAMHSA’s National Prevention Week, May 14–20, 2017**



Join ONDCP in recognizing National Prevention Week (NPW). Hosted by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), NPW is an annual observance focused on increasing the public awareness and action to prevent substance use and promote mental health. Each year, communities and organizations across the country come together to raise awareness about the importance of substance use prevention and mental health promotion. This year’s theme is “Making Each Day Count.”

Thinking about or already planning an NPW event? Check out the NPW Planning Toolkit for ideas and free resources. For more information about NPW 2017 and how you can get involved, visit SAMHSA online.

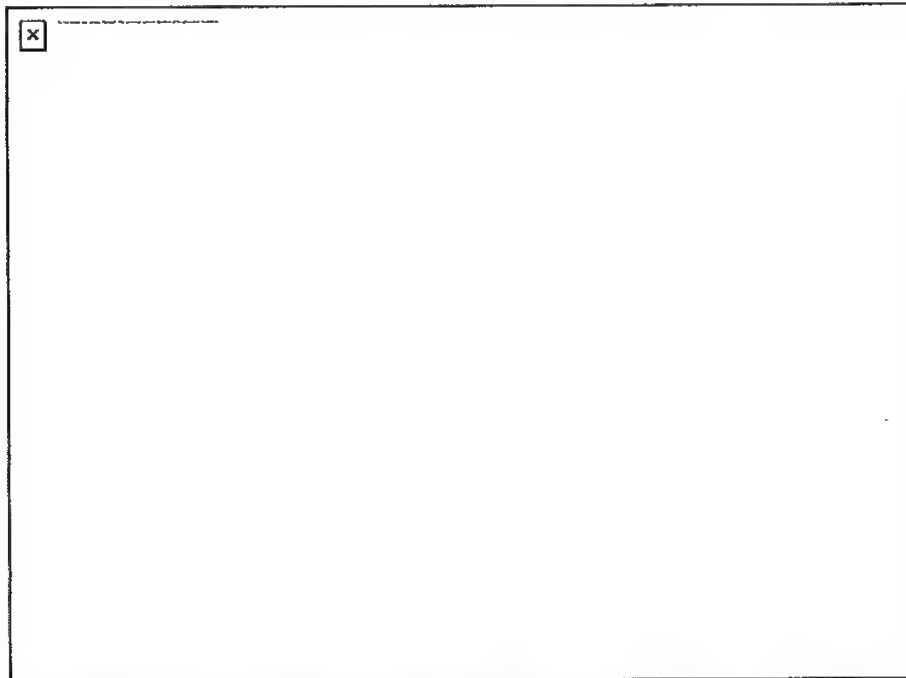
#### **National Cocaine Coordination Group leads interagency team to Colombia**

Associate Director Eric Talbot led an interagency team to Colombia in April for meetings with Colombia's new Vice President, Oscar Naranjo, and other senior officials. The team presented the recently released U.S. government estimates of the dramatic rise in Colombia’s coca cultivation and cocaine production. Colombian officials noted the ongoing demobilization of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia presented an opening to provide security and economic opportunities to farmers in regions of

significant coca cultivation, and outlined their plans to reduce coca cultivation through a combination of incentives for voluntary eradication and forced eradication. Mr. Talbot described worrisome increases in cocaine use in the United States and the urgent need for progress in reversing recent trends. He reinforced the U.S. commitment to cooperate to reduce coca cultivation, as well as cocaine production and use.

To address rising cocaine supplies before use in the United States rises further, ONDCP stood up the National Cocaine Coordination Group in the fall of 2016 using existing, in-house expertise. The cocaine group has led a multi-disciplinary team of interagency experts that are developing a balanced policy framework across all aspects of the growing cocaine threat. The group is focusing on three primary action areas:

- Identifying at-risk people and communities
- Dismantling major cocaine trafficking organizations
- Reversing the spike in coca cultivation and cocaine production.



*While in Colombia, Mr. Talbot also received a tour of a Colombian National Police facility near Bogota that highlighted the strong cooperation between the U.S. and Colombian Governments on eradication missions.*

Mr. Talbot has 15 years of experience in counterdrug and border security efforts, including time on the National Security Council staff, at the Department of Homeland Security, and as a civilian with the Navy. He has a long background in Latin America as well, having deployed to Mexico and Colombia supporting U.S. interdiction and law enforcement operations.

### **Responding to Opioid Use Disorder in Correctional Settings**

ONDCP continues to engage with Federal partners to advance the use of medication-assisted treatment (MAT) – medications approved for the treatment of opioid use disorder (buprenorphine, methadone, or naltrexone) – for people involved in the criminal justice

system who have this disease, and it's encouraging to see an increasing number of criminal justice systems that are beginning to implement MAT. ONDCP is championing MAT adoption in the criminal justice system in a number of ways, including by:

- Working with the Office of Justice Programs, its Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Training and Technical Assistance Center, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to provide MAT training and technical assistance to state correctional departments receiving grants under RSAT program;
- Supporting the development of MAT learning materials and partnering with the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) to designate Centers of Innovation. ONDCP staff recently had the opportunity to participate in training offered through an Innovation Center in Kentucky to see firsthand the technical assistance being provided to other states and counties. NIC has provided this training to staff from more than 13 states to date, with additional trainings scheduled for June of 2017.

### **Peru & the United States: Sharing Strategies Between Drug Control Agencies**

On April 24, Carmen Masias, Executive President of Peru's National Commission for Development and Life without Drugs (DEVIDA), met with Acting Director Baum and representatives from the Office of Policy, Research and Budget, National Cocaine Coordination Group, and Office of Intelligence. Meetings between ONDCP and its Peruvian counterpart agency occur on a regular basis, and though Acting Director Baum and Ms. Masias have met several times before, it was the first meeting since Mr. Baum was named as ONDCP's Acting Director.

Their primary focus was to discuss the drug control strategies of each country. In the U.S., the *National Drug Control Strategy* is written by ONDCP, the President's lead drug control policy experts. Ms. Masias and Acting Director Baum were able to share information on issues plaguing each nation, and discuss the impact that increased coca cultivation has on both countries. Peru continues to seek partnership and guidance on matters of drug demand reduction and alternative development, and ONDCP is honored to work with this important foreign partner.

**Reminder:** ONDCP is currently developing the first *National Drug Control Strategy* of the Trump Administration. Please submit your feedback to [2017strategy@ondcp.eop.gov](mailto:2017strategy@ondcp.eop.gov)

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**From:** OIPL@ondcp.eop.gov  
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**To:** Nelson, Tim  
**Subject:** Tomorrow is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day



Dear Friends,

Tomorrow is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, when you can drop off your expired, unused, and unneeded prescription drugs at approved collection sites – no questions asked. This year, I'm dropping off some old prescriptions because I don't need them, and disposing of them prevents these pills from being misused in the future. This can even save lives.

Prescription opioid pain medications are an important tool for managing the pain of people who have had surgery or other severe injuries, but the misuse of these medications and the use of heroin have taken a heartbreaking toll on too many Americans and their families while also straining law enforcement and treatment programs. More people now die from drug overdoses than in motor vehicle crashes.

You can help prevent opioid abuse by participating in Take Back Day. So tomorrow, head down to [your local collection site](#) between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to drop off your expired, unused, and unneeded medications. And by doing so, you may just save a life.

Sincerely,

Richard Baum  
Acting Director of National Drug Control Policy

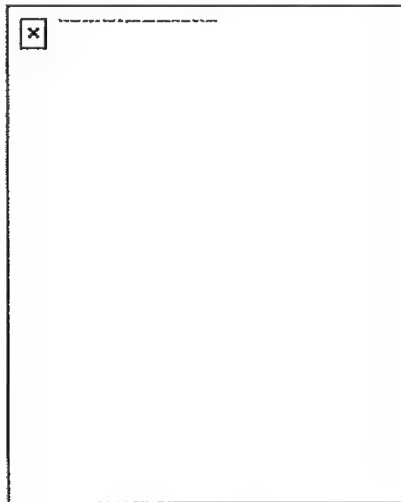
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**To:** Nelson, Tim  
**Subject:** Tune in TODAY: Acting Director Baum Hosts A LIVE Town Hall in Pennsylvania



## **A Word from Acting Director Richard J. Baum**



*Friends and Colleagues,*

*This is Richard Baum, the Acting Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy. As you may have heard, President Trump asked me to take on this role beginning Tuesday, March 28. I replaced Acting Director Kemp Chester, who did an outstanding job leading ONDCP through the presidential transition. He will continue to play a major role in ONDCP's work as he returns to his previous position leading ONDCP's National Heroin Coordination Group, which oversees the Federal government's response to the threat of illicit opioids.*

*I am excited to be serving as the Acting Director while we await the President's selection of a permanent Director. Over the past two decades, I have held a variety of positions at ONDCP, most recently as the Chief of the International Division.*

*My experience has taught me much about our Nation's drug problem and the devastating consequences of drug use. It has also shown me the incredible commitment of people inside and outside of government who are working tirelessly to make life better for people suffering from addiction.*

*Last Wednesday, I joined President Trump for a listening session on opioids and drug abuse where we heard heartbreaking stories of loss and touching stories of recovery. The President then led an active discussion on how the Federal government can address the problems posed by opioids and other drugs. It was a great honor to represent ONDCP in*

*this discussion with the President, the Vice President, Attorney General Jeff Sessions, Secretary of Homeland Security John Kelly, Secretary of Veterans Affairs David Shulkin, Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, Jared Kushner, and others. Throughout the meeting, I was encouraged to see the President's compassion and understanding for people suffering from addiction, and to see how committed he is to making sure people can get the help they need.*

*Everyone has a role in improving the health of our country, and our work depends on great partners like you – whether you're parents, advocates, public health officials, treatment providers, first responders, law enforcement officers, leaders at the Federal, state, local, or tribal levels, or other members of the community.*

*The work you do every day is invaluable and I look forward to working with you to fulfill ONDCP's mission.*

*Sincerely,*

*Richard Baum  
Acting Director  
Office of National Drug Control Policy*

### **Johnstown, Pennsylvania Heroin Town Hall: TODAY- April 5, 2017**

This discussion is an opportunity to talk about local solutions to the prescription opioid and heroin epidemic in the region. Marty Radovanic, WJAC-TV 6 News anchor, will moderate a panel where Acting Director Baum will be joined by Dr. Ken Martz, Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs for Pennsylvania. They will also be joined by Johnstown leaders and residents who have led community-wide responses to this deadly epidemic.

Tune into the live town hall at 7:00pm EST TODAY - Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> by clicking [here](#).

### **2017 National Drug Control Strategy**

As an important stakeholder and partner, thank you for the work you do every day to foster healthy individuals and safe communities. We are beginning the development of the Administration's first *Strategy*, and would like your input as we move forward. Please email your comments directly to [2017Strategy@ondcp.eop.gov](mailto:2017Strategy@ondcp.eop.gov).

We always appreciate your feedback, but please send all Strategy comments by May 5, 2017.

**From:** OIPL@ondcp.eop.gov  
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**To:** Nelson, Tim  
**Subject:** President Donald J. Trump Signs an Executive Order Establishing the President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis

**President Donald J. Trump Signs an Executive Order Establishing the President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis**

On March 29, President Donald J. Trump signed an Executive Order establishing the President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis. The Commission will be chaired by Governor Chris Christie and will study ways to combat and treat the scourge of drug abuse, addiction, and the opioid crisis, which was responsible for more than 50,000 deaths in 2015 and has caused families and communities across America to endure significant pain and suffering. The Commission will work closely with the White House Office of American Innovation led by Jared Kushner.

President Trump said, "I made a promise to the American people to take action to keep drugs from pouring into our country and to help those who have been so badly affected by them. Governor Christie will be instrumental in researching how best to combat this serious epidemic and how to treat those it has affected. He will work with people on both sides of the aisle to find the best ways for the Federal Government to treat and protect the American people from this serious problem. This is an epidemic that knows no boundaries and shows no mercy, and we will show great compassion and resolve as we work together on this important issue."

The signing follows the listening session President Trump held at the White House this morning. The listening session brought together leaders from inside and outside government, and with diverse political backgrounds, to discuss solutions on how best to combat this crisis.

Read more about the Executive Order [here](#).

Read the President's remarks at Wednesday's listening session [here](#).

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**Subject:** Trump Administration Designates New Acting Director of National Drug Control Policy



## **Trump Administration Designates New Acting Director of National Drug Control Policy**

**Washington, D.C.** – Yesterday, the Trump Administration designated Richard Baum to serve as Acting Director of National Drug Control Policy until a permanent Director is nominated and confirmed by the Senate.

Acting Director Baum has served in a variety of roles at the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) for two decades and through four presidential administrations. He has a broad range of experience on domestic and international drug control policy issues, including leading the development of key strategic documents such as the *National Drug Control Strategy*. Most recently, as Chief of the International Division at ONDCP, he was a part of the United States Delegation to the meeting of the United Nations' Commission on Narcotic Drugs in Vienna, Austria.

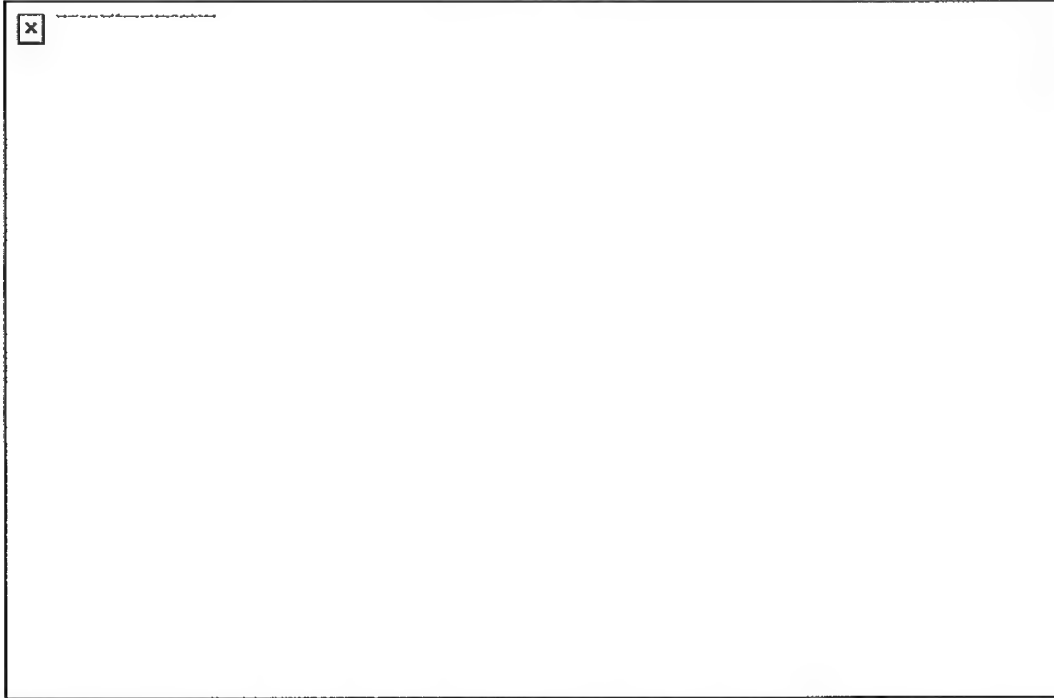
Acting Director Baum is replacing Kemp Chester, who was appointed as Acting Director on Inauguration Day. During his tenure, Acting Director Chester advanced the Administration's drug policy priorities, which include promoting prevention and treatment for substance abuse while stopping the trafficking of illicit drugs. Mr. Chester, a retired Colonel in the U.S. Army, will return to his previous role as the Associate Director for the National Heroin Coordination Group at ONDCP, which leads the U.S. Government's response to the threat of illicit opioids.

"I am deeply honored to have been designated by President Trump to serve as Acting Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy," Mr. Baum said. "In my two decades of service at ONDCP, I've seen the heart-breaking suffering caused by illegal drugs, as well as the incredible work of dedicated individuals working to address drug abuse and its consequences. I look forward to continuing that work."

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**From:** OIPL@ondcp.eop.gov  
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**To:** Nelson, Tim  
**Subject:** Readout of the Acting Director of National Drug Control Policy's Visits to a DC Treatment Center, Drug Court Graduation, and Baltimore



*ONDCP Acting Director Kemp Chester (right) joins Omari Chiles, Case Manager for the Superior Court Drug Intervention Program at DC Drug Court Graduation on March 13, 2017.*

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**Washington, D.C.** – Last week, Acting Director of National Drug Control Policy Kemp Chester visited DC and Baltimore organizations working to address the opioid overdose epidemic and talked about the importance of a balanced approach to drug policy. Over the course of two days, he congratulated graduates at a DC Drug Court Graduation, spoke at the Phoenix House Recovery Summit in Arlington, toured the Port of Baltimore with Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers, and talked with medical experts and mothers at the Center for Addiction and Pregnancy at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center.

In the morning of Wednesday, March 13, 2017, Acting Director Chester attended a drug court graduation at the DC Superior Court. During his keynote remarks, he congratulated the graduates for entering recovery and urged them to use their stories of recovery to inspire other people suffering from substance use disorders in their community. “Even though substance use disorder found you, you chose to fully commit to your recovery,”

noted Acting Director Kemp Chester in his prepared remarks. “You are living, breathing proof that...recovery is possible, and that there is always hope for anyone suffering from a substance use disorder.”

Later that afternoon, Acting Director Kemp Chester spoke at the Phoenix House 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Recovery Summit, which brought together more than 100 clinicians, support personnel, and public health leaders working on substance use disorder issues. During his remarks, the Acting Director focused on the important role treatment providers and recovery supports play in ending the opioid epidemic and strengthening our communities.

The next day, March 14, 2017, Acting Director Chester travelled to Baltimore. In the morning, he received a briefing from the CBP Area Port Director on the history of the Port of Baltimore and the latest trends on narcotics seizures. He then accompanied CBP officers and agents on a tour of the Port, which included additional information on targeting procedures and mechanisms to identify and seize illicit goods.

At the end of the day, he received a briefing on neonatal abstinence syndrome from Dr. Lauren Jansson and her staff at the Center for Addiction and Pregnancy (CAP), an outpatient program that employs a comprehensive, coordinated, and multidisciplinary approach to help mothers with substance use disorders and their substance-exposed infants. At the briefing were three mothers, two of them with their babies, who had participated in the program and who shared their powerful stories of recovery with the Acting Director.

Prescription drug misuse and heroin use have taken a heartbreaking toll on too many Americans and their families. That’s why this Administration is working to develop its comprehensive approach to addressing drug use and its consequences.

For pictures of the events, please visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/AmericansInRecovery/posts/1406486859371926>

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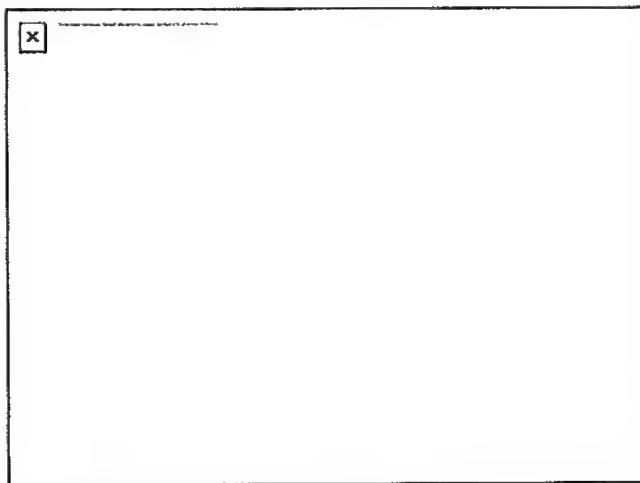
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### **A Word from Acting Director Kemp Chester**

*"At ONDCP, I've been actively involved in our policy response to the drug-related threats we face and our strategies to address them, including prevention, expanding access to treatment, and stopping the flow of drugs into and throughout our country. I've seen just how much our work depends on great partners like you – people on the ground in communities across the country including parents, advocates, public health officials, treatment providers, first responders, and law enforcement officers, as well as local, state, tribal, and Federal leaders, and so many others working tirelessly to improve the health of their communities. I admire the work you do, and please know that you have a voice and a partner in me personally, and indeed all of us here at ONDCP."*



*ONDCP Acting Director Kemp Chester meets with CADCA Chairman & CEO General Arthur Dean at CADCA's 27th Annual National Leadership Forum on February 9.*

### **FY 2017 DFC Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)**

The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) are accepting applications for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program grants.

Click [here](#) to access the FY 2017 DFC FOA on the SAMHSA grants website or [here](#) for Grants.gov. If you have questions relating to the FY 2017 DFC FOA, please contact the DFC FOA Helpline Team at (240) 276-1270 or email your questions to [dfcnew@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:dfcnew@samhsa.hhs.gov).

Online DFC Applicant Workshop: Applicants unable to attend one of the FY 2017 DFC Applicant Workshops can view a recorded version by visiting the website [here](#).

### **Addiction Medicine Officially Recognized as Medical Subspecialty**

For the first time ever, the more than 850,000 physicians who are certified by a member board of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) will be able to sit for an exam to obtain certification in the *sub-specialty of addiction medicine*.

Physicians who are certified by any of the 24 Member Boards of the ABMS and have substantial experience in the field of addiction medicine are eligible to apply to take the examination during the first five years that the exam is offered. Thereafter, a one-year addiction medicine fellowship will be required to take the examination. There are already 44 accredited addiction medicine fellowship programs.

Review Course: To help physicians prepare for the exam, the American Society of Addiction Medicine will be conducting a review course for physicians in Dallas, Texas, from July 27-29. Physicians interested in certification or recertification can find more information on the course and a link to the course registration site [here](#).

Certification Exam: The first certification exam will be offered in fall 2017, with anticipated application dates in April and May 2017. Details can be found [here](#).

### **CDC Modernizes Pain Management and Prescription Guidelines with New App**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) introduced a free Opioid Guideline App that allows users to access the agency's recommendations on pain management and opioid treatment. The purpose of the app is to provide healthcare professionals and patients with quick reference materials on the prescription opioid overdose crisis and help them make informed clinical decisions. Features include a useful and intuitive Morphine Milligram Equivalent (MME) calculator for drugs such as hydrocodone, transdermal fentanyl, and other opioids. Additionally, the app contains summaries of key guideline recommendations, a glossary of terms, and an interactive motivational interview feature.

For more information on the app, visit the CDC's website by clicking [here](#).

The app is free to download and can be found on the Apple App Store, the iTunes store, and the Google Play store by searching "CDC Opioid Guideline."

### **ONDCP's Online Webinars**

On December 20, ONDCP held a webinar entitled, *Addressing Opioid Overdose Use Disorder in Hospitals*, with experts from across the country. One panelist Dr. Traci Green of Boston University and Brown University, has offered to provide free informal consultation to those interested in adopting new methods to address opioid overdose and use disorder in hospital settings. To learn more, please email Dr. Green at [tcgreen@bu.edu](mailto:tcgreen@bu.edu).

To view the December 20<sup>th</sup> webinar, please visit our YouTube channel [here](#).

Additionally, a related webinar entitled, *Innovative Approaches for Addressing Opioid Overdose and Opioid Use Disorders in Hospital Emergency Departments*, can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

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**To:** Nelson, Tim  
**Subject:** Transition Update from ONDCP Acting Director Kemp Chester



Friends and Colleagues,

This is Kemp Chester, the Acting Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy. As many of you know, I was designated by the President to assume this role on January 20 after former Director Michael Botticelli left ONDCP. I worked for Director Botticelli for more than a year and saw firsthand the impact he had on the people ONDCP works to help. I admire him and the work he did here greatly.

Some of you I've met and others I have not yet had the pleasure to meet but hope to do so soon. I'm reaching out today to introduce myself and to let you know that we are still working hard on behalf of the American people to address drug use and its consequences. This includes working with President Trump's team to develop his drug policy framework for our Nation going forward.

I'm excited to be leading ONDCP during this period of transition because I've spent my career working to make our country and our communities safer, and I consider it an enormous privilege to continue my public service alongside the incredibly talented and dedicated men and women of ONDCP.

At ONDCP, I've been actively involved in our policy response to the drug-related threats we face and our strategies to address them, including prevention, expanding access to treatment, and stopping the flow of drugs into and throughout our country. I've seen just how much our work depends on great partners like you - people on the ground in communities across the country including parents, advocates, public health officials, treatment providers, first responders, and law enforcement officers, as well as local, state, tribal, and Federal leaders, and so many others working tirelessly to improve the health of their communities. I admire the work you do, and please know that you have a voice and a partner in me personally, and indeed all of us here at ONDCP.

So while the President works to nominate the next Director of ONDCP, I want you to know that I am here for you. I know that Director Botticelli touched most of your lives in some way and filling his shoes is no small task. But I'll do my best, and I look forward to the opportunity to work with you all as we continue to fulfill ONDCP's mission.

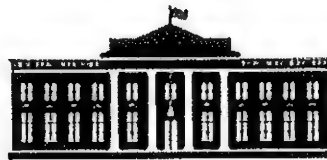
Sincerely,

Kemp Chester  
Acting Director  
Office of National Drug Control Policy

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**Cc:** Hasse, Sarah K. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** State of the Union Resources & Materials  
**Attachments:** Accomplishments of the Trump Administration.pdf; SOTU 2019 Toolkit.zip; Economic Accomplishments.pdf



THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of Communications

Tonight, President Trump will give his second State of the Union Address, delivering a unifying and inspiring vision of American greatness. The President will offer a policy agenda with bipartisan appeal, one that will result in greater prosperity and peace for the American people.

Below and attached are a number of White House resources on the speech, including topline messaging, key issues, and content and other digital materials.

As always, we would welcome positive statements from your bosses after the speech. **Please forward any positive statements, tweets, or other public comments to [Andrew.Z.Parkinson@who.eop.gov](mailto:Andrew.Z.Parkinson@who.eop.gov).**

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### WhiteHouse.Gov/SOTU:

- Livestream of the speech, photos, excerpts, guests, and other info.

### **Digital Resources/Accounts To Follow:**

- Twitter:
  - [@WhiteHouse](https://twitter.com/WhiteHouse)
  - [@realDonaldTrump](https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump)
  - [@LaCasaBlanca](https://twitter.com/LaCasaBlanca)
- Facebook:
  - [Facebook.com/WhiteHouse](https://www.facebook.com/WhiteHouse)
- YouTube
  - Livestream: [President Trump Delivers the State of the Union Address](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)
- WH Website:
  - [WhiteHouse.gov/SOTU](https://www.whitehouse.gov/SOTU)
  - [WhiteHouse.gov/News](https://www.whitehouse.gov/News) (for factsheets)

**Digital Toolkit:** [Dropbox Link](#) and Attached

- Courtesy of White House Digital, includes templates for Facebook and Twitter and other resources

#### **Accomplishment Documents:**

- The Historic Results of President Donald J. Trump's First Two Years in Office (attached)
- Economic Accomplishments of the Trump Administration (attached)

#### **Topline:**

- The theme of the State of the Union is **CHOOSING GREATNESS**.
- In his address, the President will:
  - Cast an inspiring vision of American greatness;
  - Outline a policy agenda that both parties can rally behind to achieve this vision;
  - Express confidence in this hopeful future;
  - And encourage Congress to reject the politics of resistance and retribution and instead adopt a spirit of cooperation and compromise.

#### **Speech Excerpt As Prepared For Delivery:**

*"Together, we can break decades of political stalemate. We can bridge old divisions, heal old wounds, build new coalitions, forge new solutions, and unlock the extraordinary promise of America's future. The decision is ours to make."*

#### **Top Issues:**

- **Safe and Legal Immigration System** – President Trump will reaffirm his determination to stop illegal immigration, human trafficking, and the flow of drugs and crime.
- **Protecting American Workers** – President Trump is fighting for the American workers who have been hurt by decades of flawed trade deals. The President will address key trade priorities, including our trading relationship with China and the need to pass the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement.
- **Rebuilding America** – President Trump will ask Congress to produce an infrastructure package that invests in vital national infrastructure projects.
- **Lowering the Cost of Healthcare and Prescription Drugs** – President Trump will call on Congress to support the Administration's efforts to lower the costs of healthcare and prescription drugs.
- **Protecting America's National Security** – President Trump will update Congress on diplomatic and military efforts around the world and reaffirm his determination to protect American interests and end our endless foreign wars.

#### **Key Messages Speech Will Communicate:**

- Extraordinary bipartisan achievements in this Congress are possible, as we have proved.
- President Trump is a problem solver and will offer **common sense, bipartisan solutions**.
- At a time when America's economy is stronger than ever, President Trump will propose policies to expand prosperity and make possible an amazing quality of life for all our citizens.
- Having restored America's leadership around the world, President Trump will cast a **vision for greater security and peace**.
- People will be reminded **how much President Trump has accomplished for ALL Americans** and of the broad appeal of the President's agenda.

#### **Meet the President and First Lady's Guests: Special Guests for President Trump's Second State of the Union Address**

- **Heather Armstrong, Madison Armstrong, and Debra Bissell of California** – Family members were murdered by an illegal immigrant.

- **Matthew Charles and Alice Johnson of Tennessee** – Charles is the first Prisoner released as a result of the First Step Act, and Alice Johnson was granted clemency last year by President Trump for a nonviolent drug conviction.
- **Grace Eline of New Jersey** – An inspirational nine-year old cancer survivor.
- **Ashley Evans of Ohio** – A mother recovering from opioids and substance abuse.
- **Elvin Hernandez of New York** – An ICE Agent fighting human trafficking.
- **Roy James of Mississippi** – A worker whose plant was saved after Vicksburg was designated an opportunity zone.
- **Timothy Matson and Judah Samet of Pennsylvania** – Matson is a SWAT officer who responded to last year's Tree of Life synagogue shooting, and Judah Samet one of the congregants whose life he may have saved.
- **Joshua Trump of Delaware** – A 6<sup>th</sup> grade student who has been bullied because of his last name.
- **Tom Wibberley of Maryland** – Father of Navy Seaman Craig Wibberley, who was killed in the 2000 U.S.S. Cole Bombing.

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**Subject:** Historic, Bipartisan Reforms for our Criminal Justice System



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Today, President Trump is signing the First Step Act, marking a monumental bipartisan win for the American people. The President, his Administration, Members of Congress from both sides of the aisle, and private organizations from across the political spectrum all worked together to get this legislation across the goal line.

This bill will pave a new pathway for our criminal justice system, reforming decades of policies that have failed the American people. By preparing inmates to successfully rejoin society and enacting common sense sentencing reforms, the First Step Act will make our justice system fairer for all Americans.

More information below on this historic reform below.

**Op-Ed:** Assistant To The President Brooke Rollins: First Step Is The Beginning Of A Transformation Of America's Criminal Justice System

### Support for the First Step Act:

- Bipartisan Letter Signed by 38 State Attorneys General Endorsing the First Step Act
- Fraternal Order of Police, the nation's largest police association
- 172 Former Federal Prosecutors, including 2 Attorneys General, 2 former Deputy Attorneys General, and a former FBI Director
- Sheriffs from 34 States
- The National Governors Association
- A Group of 42 Bipartisan Organizations, including conservative organizations, think tanks, and faith-based groups

**Tweets:**



**Donald J. Trump**   
@realDonaldTrump



Congress just passed the Criminal Justice Reform Bill known as the #FirstStepAct. Congratulations! This is a great bi-partisan achievement for everybody. When both parties work together we can keep our Country safer. A wonderful thing for the U.S.A !!

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**Donald J. Trump** @realDonaldTrump · Dec 18, 2018



America is the greatest Country in the world and my job is to fight for ALL citizens, even those who have made mistakes. Congratulations to the Senate on the bi-partisan passing of a historic Criminal Justice Reform Bill...



**Donald J. Trump**   
@realDonaldTrump

....This will keep our communities safer, and provide hope and a second chance, to those who earn it. In addition to everything else, billions of dollars will be saved. I look forward to signing this into law!

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Vice President Mike Pence   
@VP



Congratulations to US Senate for passing @POTUS' Criminal Justice Reform with an overwhelming Bipartisan vote tonight! The First Step Act will reduce recidivism, make communities safer & save taxpayer dollars. House should vote to send this HISTORIC reform to @POTUS' desk ASAP!

Donald J. Trump  @realDonaldTrump

America is the greatest Country in the world and my job is to fight for ALL citizens, even those who have made mistakes. Congratulations to the Senate on the bi-partisan passing of a historic Criminal Justice Reform Bill...

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## **President Trump Secures Landmark Legislation To Make Our Federal Justice System Fairer And Our Communities Safer**

*"[The First Step Act] will make communities SAFER and SAVE tremendous taxpayers dollars. It brings much needed hope to many families during the holiday season." – President Donald J. Trump*

**ACHIEVING BIPARTISAN REFORM: President Donald J. Trump's signing of the First Step Act marks a monumental bipartisan win for the American people.**

- Today, President Trump is signing the First Step Act – legislation that paves a new pathway for our Federal justice system, reforming decades of policies that have failed Americans.
- President Trump has been a tireless advocate of this legislation and has worked closely with Congress to secure its sweeping passage.
- This legislation was supported by an overwhelming majority of both Democrats and Republicans in Congress.

**CREATING SAFER COMMUNITIES AND A FAIRER FEDERAL JUSTICE SYSTEM: The First Step Act will make our Federal justice system fairer and our communities safer.**

- The First Step Act will help prepare inmates to successfully rejoin society and enact common sense sentencing reforms to make our justice system fairer for all Americans.
- Among many reforms, the First Step Act will:
  - Promote prisoner participation in vocational training, educational coursework, or faith-based programs by allowing prisoners to earn time credits for pre-release custody.
  - Expand prison employment program opportunities.
  - Enact fair, common-sense reforms to mandatory minimums.
  - Eliminate the three-strike mandatory life sentencing provisions.

- Give certain offenders the ability to petition the courts for a review of their sentences.
- The First Step Act reforms our Federal justice system in a responsible way that will make our communities safer and keep violent criminals and sex offenders off our streets.
- These historic reforms will address problems that have plagued our justice system for years.
  - Currently, approximately 77 percent of State inmates and 38 percent of Federal inmates are rearrested within five years of their release.

**EARNING WIDESPREAD SUPPORT: The First Step Act has won praise from a wide-ranging coalition that crosses political divides.**

- The First Step Act is supported by a broad coalition spanning the political spectrum, including business groups, faith-based organizations, law enforcement, and State and local leaders.
- More than 2,400 faith leaders joined in advocating for the First Step Act.
- This legislation has received incredible praise from law enforcement, including the Fraternal Order of Police, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and 172 former Federal prosecutors.
  - National President of the Fraternal Order of Police: “[First Step] will make our streets and neighborhoods safer, and our police will be better protected.”
  - Sheriffs from 34 States across the country recently wrote in support of the legislation and praised President Trump’s leadership on the issue.
  - 172 former Federal prosecutors recently wrote Congressional leaders calling the legislation “good for federal law enforcement and public safety.”

## What They Are Saying: Praise Rolls in for the FIRST Step Act

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*Conservatives, Democrats, and former law enforcement officials are praising the passage of the FIRST Step Act.*

**MATT SCHLAPP, CHAIRMAN OF THE AMERICAN CONSERVATIVE UNION:**

“Ninety-five percent of those in prison return to our communities after they’ve paid their debts to society. The question is whether we want them to go home as improved versions of themselves. Conservatives in Congress such as Rep. Doug Collins (R-GA) and Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA), working with the President, have written the First Step Act to prepare former inmates to lead a crime-free life and become good citizens. ACU and thousands of conservative activists across the country support their efforts.”

**DAVID SAFAVIAN, AMERICAN CONSERVATIVE UNION GENERAL COUNSEL:**

“The First Step Act holds people accountable for their mistakes. But equally important, it makes the government more accountable for producing positive results in our prisons – results that ultimately make our neighborhoods safer.”

**NEWT GINGRICH, FORMER SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE:**

“It’s important the President is open to limited sentencing reform being added to the prison reform legislation being considered in the Senate...Certain sentencing statutes have not performed as intended, have led to unjust consequences, and should be eliminated. Adding such provisions to the FIRST STEP Act is just common sense.”

**KEN CUCCINELLI, FORMER VIRGINIA ATTORNEY GENERAL:**

“By prioritizing criminal justice reform, President Trump is working to keep our streets safe while giving second chances to those who have paid their debt to society. Prison reform would help former offenders return to their families and communities as law-abiding, productive members of society. Reforms like the ones the White House has embraced have shown promising results—especially in reducing repeat offenses and allowing ex-offenders to obtain jobs.”

**KEN BLACKWELL, FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION:**

“It’s the extent to which you look for a balance between the punishing dimension of a prison system for acts of wrongdoing, with the hope for rehabilitation and reform. That is why it is essential that Congress move on this legislation that will make our streets safer and get people back on their feet with a job and education that will improve our communities”

**FORMER SEN. JIM DEMINT IN THE QUAD CITY TIMES: Act on House Justice Reform Bill Grassley**

“The idea behind prison reform, therefore, is simple: stop this vicious, revolving door of imprisonment and re-offense, reduce further victimization and give prisoners a better opportunity to atone and take ownership for their reformation.”

**FORMER ARKANSAS GOV. MIKE HUCKABEE IN THE *DES MOINES REGISTER*: FIRST Step Legislation Will Help People go From Prison to Paycheck**

“The act creates new, evidence-based risk and needs-assessment tools to help prepare incarcerated individuals to reenter their communities as law-abiding, productive members of society. The bill overwhelmingly passed the House of Representatives in May and is in the Senate to consider and vote on the bill. Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Ia.) has been a champion for smart criminal justice reform and can play a pivotal role in moving this bill in the Senate.”

**FORMER CONGRESSMAN J.C. WATTS IN THE *DAILY OKLAHOMAN*: Now Is the Time to Pass ‘First Step Act’**

“The re-entry provisions in the First Step Act would help transform prisons from being a place where incarcerated individuals acquire the skills of a criminal to a place where they can acquire job skills, education or treatment for addiction. For the 95 percent of prisoners who will at some point be released, this could mean the difference between success on the outside or committing another crime because they cannot support themselves.”

**COREY LEWANDOWSKI IN *THE HILL*: Lame-Duck Congress Should Pass ‘First Step Act’**

“President Trump can take credit for this victory and has made the case that “our whole Nation benefits if former inmates are able to reenter society as productive, law-abiding citizens.” [...] Conservatives support reforms that will help released prisoners to change their lives and become productive members of society.”

**PAT NOLAN, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM AT THE AMERICAN CONSERVATIVE UNION FOUNDATION IN *FOX NEWS*: Father’s Day in Prison Separates Families—Let’s Remember Them**

“In addition, the legislation would allow inmates who participate in programs that prepare them to return to their communities – and who do not pose a security threat – to be placed in a halfway house or in home confinement earlier. This would put them closer to their families and enable them to look for a job; get a driver’s license; open a bank account; affiliate with a church, synagogue or other house of worship; and begin other activities to help them stay on the straight and narrow after they finish their sentences.”

**FORMER MARYLAND GOVERNOR ROBERT EHRLICH IN THE *WASHINGTON EXAMINER*: Criminal Justice Reform is still on the Cards**

“How do we discourage recidivism? It is here that the paradigm is changing from punishment to rehabilitation, a process that reformers wish to commence at the very beginning of a criminal sentence...A balance must be struck: The system should provide skills training, GED programs, drug rehabilitation services, and faith-based options — but there is still a punishment element that should not be ignored.”

**REBECCA HAGELIN, COUNCIL FOR NATIONAL POLICY IN THE *WASHINGTON TIMES*: Justice Demands Passage of First Step Bill to Rehabilitate Lives**

“Thank God, President Trump is committed to effective prison reform and combatting the drug crisis. Through his leadership and the hard work of Jared Kushner, the prison reform First Step Act passed the House of Representatives in May with overwhelming bipartisan support...Based on successful prison and sentencing reform measures in states like Georgia, Texas and others — which now have data to prove such measures reduce crime.”

**FAITH AND FREEDOM COALITION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TIM HEAD IN *THE HILL*: FIRST Step Act Is Smart Legislation—Perfect for Prison Reform**

“Reducing the risk of a prisoner re-offending upon release is one of the most effective ways to ensure public safety. Evidence shows that maintaining close family ties, religious education, and obtaining employment are intrinsically linked to lower recidivism rates. Individuals need support systems to make positive changes in their lives. This is why the FIRST STEP Act is smart, data driven legislation. The Act is built around personal responsibility, requiring inmates to take action while in prison to improve their prospects for life after release.”

**BENARD KERIK, FORMER NEW YORK CITY POLICE COMMISSIONER BENARD KERIK IN *THE HILL*: Don’t Kick the Can Down the Road on Prison Reform—Now Is the Time for Change**

“This bill (the First STEP Act) would keep families closer together by requiring the Bureau of Prisons to place incarcerated people within 500 driving miles of their home...The bill would reform the federal compassionate-release program, so that taxpayers are not spending millions to keep locked up the most expensive, lowest risk offenders — and so that families can spend a loved one’s final days together.”

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This afternoon, in an event at the White House, President Trump will sign the 2018 Farm Bill. **This critical piece of legislation will provide support, certainty, and stability to our Nation's farmers, agricultural producers, and rural communities.** Some of the key wins in this bill are:

- Extending farm support programs and improving crop insurance
- Promoting agricultural exports to help America's farmers sell abroad
- Expanding rural development and dedicating resources to fight the opioid crisis

While the Farm Bill will be critical for America's farmers, it was a missed opportunity to reform and improve the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). **Currently, millions of able-bodied Americans continue to receive SNAP benefits even as they do not work.** This happens because some states grant overly lax waivers on SNAP's work requirements to large numbers of their citizens.

While a permanent legislative fix would be preferable, today the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced a new rule that would reform SNAP waivers and promote self-sufficiency by able-bodied recipients without dependents. **This rule will:**

- Help restore the dignity of work
- Respect American taxpayers that fund the SNAP program
- Save an estimated \$15 billion over ten years

More information below on the Farm Bill, today's new rule from USDA, and what the Trump Administration has done for America's farmers and rural communities.

### **Op-Ed: Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue: New SNAP Rules Encourage Productivity Instead Of Poverty**

*"The president has directed me, as Secretary of Agriculture, to propose regulatory reforms to ensure that those who are able to work do so in exchange for their benefits. This restores the dignity of work to a sizeable segment of our population, while it is also respectful of the taxpayers who fund the program."*

### **Information on New SNAP Rules from USDA:**

- [Press Release: USDA to Restore Original Intent of SNAP: A Second Chance, Not A Way of Life](#)
- [Text of Proposed Rule](#)
- [Fact Sheet: Regulatory Reform at a Glance Proposed Rule: SNAP Requirements for Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents](#)



United States Department of Agriculture



## Regulatory Reform at a Glance Proposed Rule: SNAP Requirements for ABAWDs

### The Issue

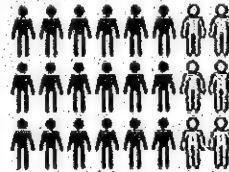
In December 2018, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) published a proposed rule entitled "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): Requirements for Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents". This action supports the Agency's commitment to self-sufficiency by more broadly applying SNAP's work-related program standards for able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs).

### The Background

SNAP rules limit participation by ABAWDs to 3 months in a 36-month period unless the individual is working or participating in a work program for at least 80 hours per month. The law allows states to waive these limits in areas where sufficient jobs are not available.

However, nearly half of ABAWDs receiving SNAP now live in waived areas, despite the booming economy and low unemployment. The Department's view is that waivers are intended to provide temporary relief to the time limit while areas face poor economic conditions and should be used accordingly.

In 2016, there were 3.8 million individual ABAWDs on the SNAP rolls, with 2.8 million (nearly 74%) not working.



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Watch the Farm Bill Signing Live: [WhiteHouse.Gov/Live](https://www.whitehouse.gov/live) (2:30 p.m.)

## Upcoming Events

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2:30 PM EST

President Trump Participates in a Signing Ceremony for H.R. 2, the "Agriculture Improvement Act"

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## Tweets:



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Today I am making good on my promise to defend our Farmers & Ranchers from unjustified trade retaliation by foreign nations. I have authorized Secretary Perdue to implement the 2nd round of Market Facilitation Payments. Our economy is stronger than ever—we stand with our Farmers!

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**Sec. Sonny Perdue**   
@SecretarySonny



In 2016 there were 3.8 million able-bodied adults without dependents on #SNAP rolls. 2.8 million (74%) not working. Proposing a rule to limit states' ability to waive work requirements for those who CAN work. Especially in a booming economy.

Details: [bit.ly/2EACXlb](https://bit.ly/2EACXlb)

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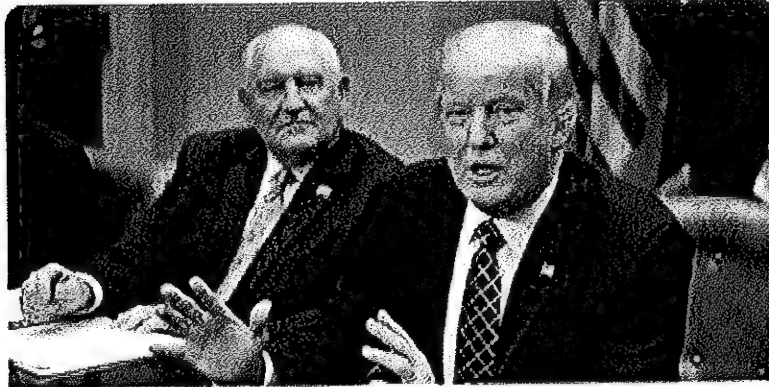


**Sec. Sonny Perdue**   
@SecretarySonny



In 1996, Dems & GOP came together to reform the welfare system, as President Clinton said, to provide a 2nd chance, not a way of life. SNAP is an example where that focus has been lost. We're proposing a rule to encourage independence. My @USATODAY op-ed: [usatoday.com/story/opinion/...](https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/...)

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**New SNAP rules encourage productivity instead of pover...**

Our proposed rule limits the availability of waivers for states and promotes work and self-sufficiency in the SNAP program.

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## President Trump Is Improving American Agriculture Programs

*"We have been working every day to deliver for America's farmers just as they work every single day to deliver for us."* – President Donald J. Trump

**SUPPORTING AMERICA'S FARMERS: President Donald J. Trump is signing the 2018 Farm Bill to support America's hardworking farmers.**

- President Trump is signing the 2018 Farm Bill Conference Report recently passed by a joint, bipartisan majority of Congress.
- The Farm Bill provides critical funding for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and provides support, certainty, and stability to our Nation's farmers. The bill will:
  - Extend farm support programs and improve crop insurance
  - Maintain vital disaster programs to ensure our farmers and agricultural producers are well-prepared to weather market disruptions
  - Promote agricultural exports and opening of new markets for America's farmers
  - Expand rural broadband development and dedicate resources to fight the opioid crisis

- Promote voluntary conservation, outdoor recreation, and better water infrastructure
- Encourage forest management partnerships with States and localities
- For the first time since 1990, a farm bill has been enacted the same year it was introduced.

**REFORMING SNAP: The Administration is also proposing a new rule to promote responsible stewardship of taxpayer resources and economic independence for Americans.**

- Although the Farm Bill enhanced Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) program integrity, it missed an opportunity to close loopholes that trap Americans in poverty.
- The Administration's new rule includes commonsense measures that update the criteria States use to waive work requirements for able-bodied adults without dependents.
  - In 2016, almost 2.8 million Americans on the SNAP rolls were able-bodied adults, without dependents, who were not working.
  - With unemployment at a generational low, SNAP recipients who can work should.
- The proposed rule will end the shameful practice of exemption hoarding that allowed States like California to bank hundreds of thousands of waivers over the years.
- A significant portion of SNAP participants are children, elderly, or disabled, and we want to ensure they have access to the food they need.
- While a permanent legislative solution would be preferred, the proposed rule represents important reforms to SNAP and is projected to save taxpayers \$15 billion over ten years.

**WORKING FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES: The Administration's actions are just the latest in President Trump's mission to put our rural communities back on track.**

- President Trump has overseen vital investment in rural infrastructure and expanded rural broadband by cutting red tape and catalyzing private investment.
- The President has expanded access worldwide for American agricultural products.
- President Trump authorized over \$12 billion in aid to assist American farmers facing unjustified retaliatory tariffs imposed by other countries.
- The recent roll back of Obama-era Waters of the United States (WOTUS) regulations will reduce regulatory compliance costs for rural communities and business owners.
- President Trump signed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act into law, expanding the estate exemption—a change so important to family farms across America.

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**Subject:** Making our Nation's Schools Safer



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This morning, the Trump Administration released the final report of the Federal Commission on School Safety (FCSS). Established by President Trump in the wake of March's tragic Stoneman Douglas High School shooting, over the last nine months the school safety commission has held multiple meetings, listening sessions, and other events to hear from victims' families, experts, state and local officials, and other stakeholders to get their input on how to make our schools safer.

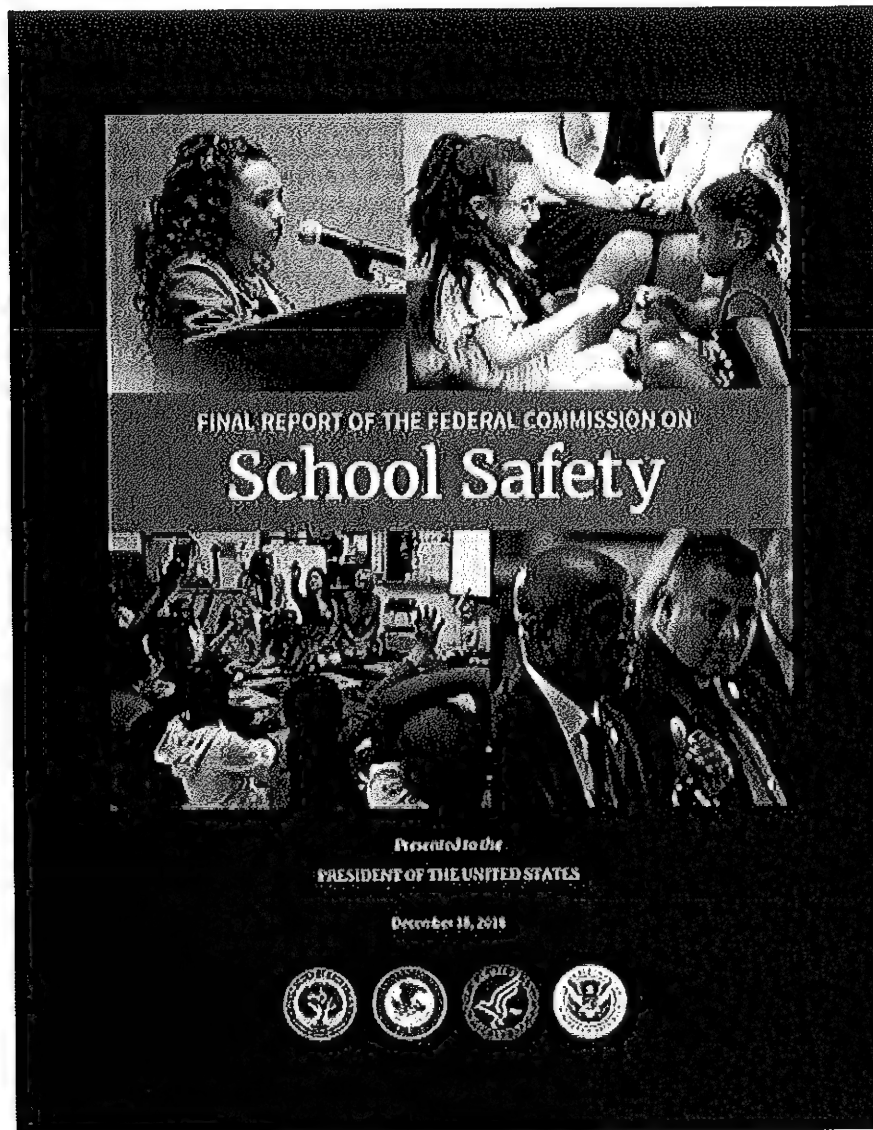
The result is a report that delivers over 90 recommendations on how to address school violence and protect America's students. Among these recommendations are:

- improving access to mental health care
- endorsing Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) laws
- encouraging the media to adopt policies of "No Notoriety."

The Commission's work and report builds on the prior actions the President has taken to make our nation's schools safer.

This afternoon, President Trump will meet with the Cabinet Members who made up the commission, state and local officials, and family members of victims to receive these recommendations. More information below on the report what the President and his Administration are doing to stop school violence.

**The Full Report:** Final Report Of The Federal Commission On School Safety



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#### Statements/Press Releases:

- [Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos](#)
- [Acting Attorney General Matt Whitaker](#)
- [Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen](#)




#### Attendees at Today's Event:

- Attorney General Pam Bondi, *Florida*
- Superintendent Elsie Arntzen, *Montana*
- Sheriff Kevin Byars, *Marshall County, Kentucky*
- Rusty Norman, *School Board of Trustees President, Santa Fe, Texas*
- Carson Abt, *Stoneman Douglas High School shooting survivor*
- Ryan Petty, *Father of Parkland Victim*
- Andy Pollack, *Father of Parkland Victim*
- JT Lewis, *Brother of Sandy Hook Victim*
- Scarlett Lewis, *Mother of Sandy Hook Victim*
- Max Schachter, *Father of Parkland Victim*



**Taking Action on School Safety:** [President Trump is Taking Immediate Actions to Secure Our Schools](#)

- Fact sheet from earlier this year with information on what the Trump Administration is doing to make our schools safer.


#### Tweets:

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After months of research, visiting successful programs & hearing presentations, today the Federal Commission on School Safety will present its final report to @POTUS which details best practices and policy recommendations for improving school safety. [www2.ed.gov/documents/schoo..](http://www2.ed.gov/documents/schoo..)




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There can be no one-size-fits-all solution to this complex problem, and so the report is a guide for families, educators, local school leaders, law enforcement, health professionals & elected leaders to consider the best ways to prevent, mitigate & recover from acts of violence.

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"Each of us has an important role to play in keeping our students safe while at school," said @BetsyDeVosED.

"Through the Commission's work, it has become even clearer there is no single policy that will make our schools safer."

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@BetsyDeVosED continued: "With that in mind, this report provides a wide-ranging menu of best practices and resources that all state, community & school leaders should consider while developing school safety plans and procedures that will work for their students and teachers."

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## President Trump Is Committed To Making Our Schools Safer

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*“We must also work together to create a culture in our country that embraces the dignity of life, that creates deep and meaningful human connections, and that turns classmates and colleagues into friends and neighbors.”*  
— President Donald J. Trump

**PROVIDING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT: President Donald J. Trump’s Commission on School Safety examined ways to make our schools safe for all students and teachers.**

- President Trump’s School Safety Commission is releasing its report and recommendations on how to address school safety and violence.
  - The President established the Commission following the tragic shooting in Parkland, Florida, and placed it under the leadership of Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos.
  - The President directed the Commission to make a comprehensive assessment of the issue of school violence and to make policy recommendations to keep our schools safe.
- The Commission listened to students, parents, teachers, administrators, counselors, law enforcement, mental health professionals, security personnel, and others.
  - The Commission hosted meetings, field visits, and listening sessions across 8 States and the District of Columbia and reviewed more than 1,500 comments from the public.
- Understanding that each community has a unique set of school safety needs without a one-size-fits-all solution, the Commission offered recommendations, to be adopted as appropriate.

**PREVENTING SCHOOL VIOLENCE: The Commission offered a number of recommendations to improve school cultures and help prevent acts of school violence.**

- Schools and communities must take a comprehensive approach to making sure school campuses are safe places for learning and growth.
- The Commission’s report emphasizes the importance of improving access to mental health services as a vital means of reducing school violence.
  - This includes identifying youth at risk for mental illness and connecting them with needed treatment, services, and support.
  - The Commission advocates the development of model State legislation on compelling treatment for individuals with serious mental illness.
  - One analysis found that up to 25 percent of mass shooters had been treated for mental illnesses, and more than 75 percent had prior symptoms of mental illness.
- The Commission endorses Extreme Risk Protection Order laws, which give authorities a temporary way to keep those who threaten society from possessing or purchasing firearms.
- The Commission encourages media to consider adopting the principles of the “No Notoriety” campaign, which calls on media coverage to not use names or photos of killers.

**PROTECTING STUDENTS: The Commission laid out recommendations to improve the physical security of schools and ensure trained personnel are in place to respond to threats.**

- While all schools have different needs for physical security, there are common principles that should be applied, such as identifying security gaps and using layers of security.
  - The primary responsibility for the security of schools rests with States and local communities, which are best able to tailor solutions to fit their own unique needs.
- The Commission supports a number of methods to fund training, planning, personnel, and equipment to improve school security.
- The Commission recommends that the Federal Government develop a clearinghouse to assess, identify, and share best practices related to school security measures.

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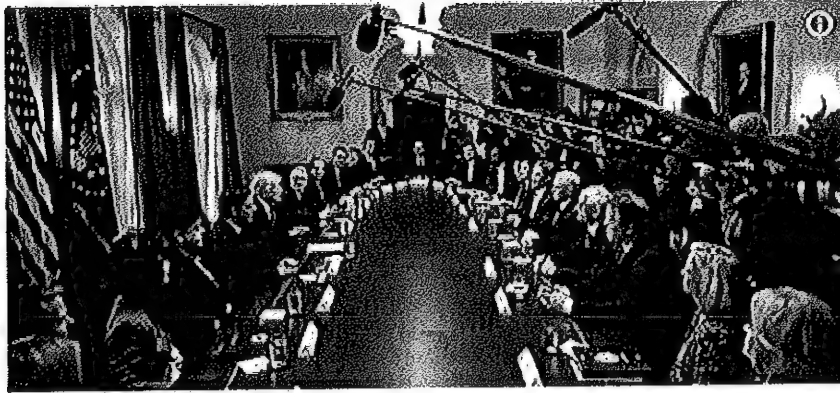
This afternoon at the White House, President Trump met with 13 of our nation's newest governors.


12 governors-elect and one newly sworn in Governor met with White House and Administration officials before having a meeting with President Trump to discuss shared priorities.

**This meeting follows two years where the Trump Administration has conducted unprecedented outreach to our nation's state, local, and tribal leaders. Unlike the prior Administration, President Trump has made it clear that he views our nation's state and local leaders as valued partners on a number of fronts. On critical issues like infrastructure, combatting the nation's opioid crisis, and workforce development, the Trump Administration is working closely with state and local officials.**

More information below on today's meeting and the Administration's commitment to work with state and local leaders on these shared priorities.

**Tweet:**



**Donald J. Trump** 

@realDonaldTrump



Today, it was my honor to welcome our Nation's newly elected Governors to the @WhiteHouse!

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- The Trump Administration has conducted unprecedented outreach to America's state, local, and tribal officials to partner on shared priorities.
- **In the first two years of his Administration, President Trump has met with Governors from all 50 states.**
- **The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs** has conducted extensive outreach to local officials, and since 2017, they have:
  - Hosted more than 3,500 local leaders of both parties
  - Invited local leaders from all 50 states
  - Held over 30 events at the White House since 2017.
- After the November elections, the White House proactively reached out to newly elected state and local officials of both parties.
  - As part of that outreach, **invites were extended to every one of the 22 new governors-elect from across the nation to join today's event with the President.**
- Over the next year, the White House will continue its proactive outreach to local leaders including county commissioners, sheriffs, mayors, and state legislators.

#### Full List of Governors-Elect Attending Today:

- Governor Mike Dunleavy, Alaska
- Governor-elect Ron DeSantis, Florida
- Governor-elect Brian Kemp, Georgia
- Governor-elect Lourdes "Lou" Leon Guerrero, Guam
- Governor-elect Brad Little, Idaho

- Governor-elect J.B. Pritzker, Illinois
- Governor-elect Gretchen Whitmer, Michigan
- Governor-elect Mike DeWine, Ohio
- Governor-elect Kevin Stitt, Oklahoma
- Governor-elect Kristi Noem, South Dakota
- Governor-elect Bill Lee, Tennessee
- Governor-elect Albert Bryan, U.S. Virgin Islands
- Governor-elect Tony Evers, Wisconsin

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This morning, President Trump announced that he is nominating Bill Barr to be our nation's next Attorney General, calling Barr a "highly respected lawyer" and a "terrific" and "brilliant man" who will serve with "great distinction."

More information on Barr's exemplary experience and qualifications below.

### **Barr has unparalleled experience leading the Department of Justice.**

- Barr served as the 77<sup>th</sup> Attorney General in the George H.W. Administration from 1991 to 1993.
  - Prior to that, Barr served as Deputy Attorney General and Assistant Attorney General.
- Barr provided incredible leadership heading the Department of Justice, working to keep America safe and uphold the rule of law.
  - While at the DOJ, Barr launched innovative programs to combat violent crime and illegal immigration.

### **Barr received unanimous support during his prior nomination to Attorney General and deserves the same support today.**




- Recognizing his superb qualifications, the Senate confirmed Barr by unanimous voice vote in 1991.
- Barr was also recommended unanimously by the Senate Judiciary Committee for confirmation.
- Even Democrats couldn't deny Barr's talent, expertise, and character.
  - Then-Senate Judiciary Chairman Joe Biden stated Barr had shown a "commitment to the public interest above all else."
  - Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT) called Barr "an independent voice for all Americans."
  - The Senate was controlled by Democrats during Barr's confirmations as Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, and Assistant Attorney General.




### **Barr is a well-respected attorney with years of experience practicing law at the highest level.**

- Barr has litigated cases before the United State Supreme Court and the European Commission.
- Barr has more than a decade of senior corporate experience practicing law.
  - Barr served as the General Counsel and Executive Vice President of Verizon Communications from the company's founding in 2000 to 2008.
  - From 1994-2000, Barr served as General Counsel and Executive Vice President of GTE Corporation.

- During this time, he helped to pave the way for the wide-scale deployment of broadband Internet in the United States.

**Tweets:**

 **Donald J. Trump**  @realDonaldTrump · 41m   
I am pleased to announce that I will be nominating The Honorable William P. Barr for the position of Attorney General of the United States. As the former AG for George H.W. Bush....

 **Donald J. Trump**  @realDonaldTrump  
....and one of the most highly respected lawyers and legal minds in the Country, he will be a great addition to our team. I look forward to having him join our very successful Administration!  
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This week, President Trump joins Americans across the country in paying his respects to former President George H.W. Bush. In a statement from this weekend, President Trump said that “through his essential authenticity, disarming wit, and unwavering commitment to faith, family, and country, President Bush inspired generations of his fellow Americans to public service.”

This afternoon, Vice President Pence will deliver remarks as President Bush lies in state at the Capitol, and on Wednesday, President Trump and other Administration officials will attend President Bush’s funeral at the National Cathedral.

More information below on how President Trump and his Administration are honoring the life and legacy of George H.W. Bush.

### Statements:

- Statement from President Trump and First Lady Melania Trump: “Our hearts ache with his loss, and we, with the American people, send our prayers to the entire Bush family, as we honor the life and legacy of 41.”
- Statement from Vice President Pence and Second Lady Karen Pence: “President Bush loved his family, loved this country and his legacy will be a lifetime of service to the United States of America.”

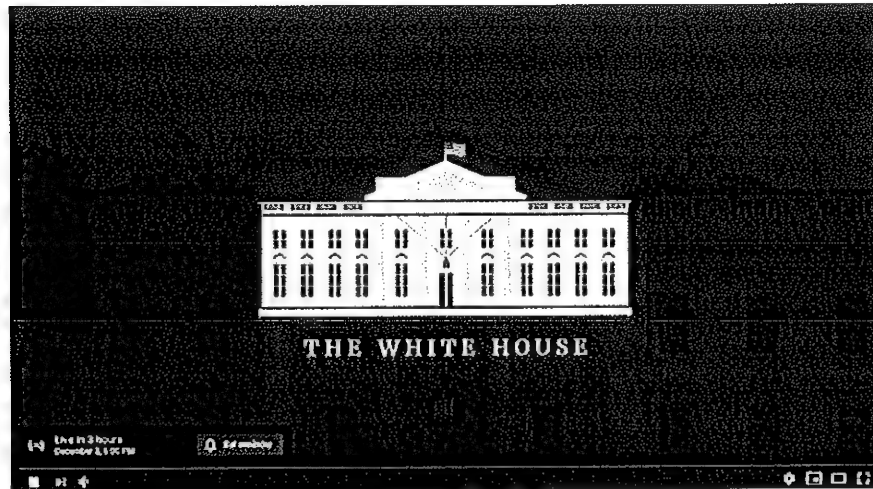
### Presidential Actions:

- Presidential Proclamation Announcing the Death of President George H.W. Bush
  - Orders American flags at half-staff for 30 days.
  - Sets this Wednesday, December 5 as a National Day of Mourning.
- An Executive Order Providing A Day of Mourning
  - The Federal Government will be closed Wednesday as a mark of respect.

### State Funeral:




- State Funeral Website
  - Information on the funeral ceremonies being held
- Official Schedule
- Public Participation in Washington, D.C.
- Public Participation in Texas

**Watch Live:** Vice President Pence Delivers Remarks at the Lying in State of the Honorable George H.W. Bush (5 p.m.)





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### Tweets:




 **Donald J. Trump**    
@realDonaldTrump

President George H.W. Bush led a long, successful and beautiful life. Whenever I was with him I saw his absolute joy for life and true pride in his family. His accomplishments were great from beginning to end. He was a truly wonderful man and will be missed by all!


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Looking forward to being with the Bush Family to pay my respects to President George H.W. Bush.

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The President and First Lady will attend the funeral for President George H.W. Bush at the National Cathedral in Washington.

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**Melania Trump**   
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My heart goes out to the entire Bush family.

**Donald J. Trump**  @realDonaldTrump

Statement from President Donald J. Trump and First Lady Melania Trump on the Passing of Former President George H.W. Bush

**Statement from President Donald J. Trump and First Lady Melania Trump on the Passing of Former President George H.W. Bush**

December 1, 2018

Melania and I join with a grieving Nation to mourn the loss of former President George H.W. Bush, who passed away last night.

Through his essential authenticity, disarming wit, and unwavering commitment to faith, family, and country, President Bush inspired generations of his fellow Americans to public service – to be, in his words, “a thousand points of light” illuminating the greatness, hope, and opportunity of America to the world.

President Bush always found a way to set the bar higher. As a young man, he captained the Yale baseball team, and then went on to serve as the youngest aviator in the United States Navy during the Second World War. Later in life, he rose to the pinnacle of American politics as a Congressman from Texas, envoy to China, Director of Central Intelligence, Vice President of eight years to President Ronald Reagan, and finally President of the United States.

With sound judgement, common sense, and unflappable leadership, President Bush guided our Nation, and the world, to a peaceful and victorious conclusion of the Cold War. As President, he set the stage for the decades of prosperity that have followed. And through all that he accomplished, he remained humble, following the quiet call to service that gave him a clear sense of direction.

Along with his full life of service to country, we will remember President Bush for his devotion to family – especially the love of his life, Barbara. His example lives on, and will continue to stir future Americans to pursue a greater cause. Our hearts ache with his loss, and we, with the American people, send our prayers to the entire Bush family, as we honor the life and legacy of 41.

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Vice President Mike Pence   
@VP



We send our prayers & deepest condolences to the entire Bush family. We join them & the American people in mourning the passing of this good & great man. His example will always inspire and his lifetime of service will be enshrined in the hearts of the American people forever.

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This morning, in a ceremony at the G20, President Trump signed the new U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement, keeping his promise to deliver a renegotiated NAFTA trade deal that will benefit America's workers, manufactures, farmers, and businesses.

Among the key wins in this trade deal, the USMCA will:

- incentivize billions in new auto production
- increase market access for America's farmers and ranchers
- install new protections to safeguard America's intellectual property against foreign competitors
- create a new chapter to benefit America's small and medium sized businesses.

As always, we would welcome any support your bosses can offer for this historic signing. Please flag any statements for me and Austin Mitchell ([Philip.A.Mitchell@who.eop.gov](mailto:Philip.A.Mitchell@who.eop.gov)), cc'd here.

More information below, including a White House fact sheet and state fact sheets showing how USMCA will benefit the citizens of your state.

**Transcript: Remarks by President Trump, Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada, and President Peña Nieto of Mexico at Signing Ceremony for the United States—Mexico—Canada Agreement**

### Statements:

- Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin
- Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue

**State By State Benefits:** See how USMCA will help your state's workers and businesses.

- U.S. Trade Representative
- U.S. Department of Agriculture

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**Tweets:**



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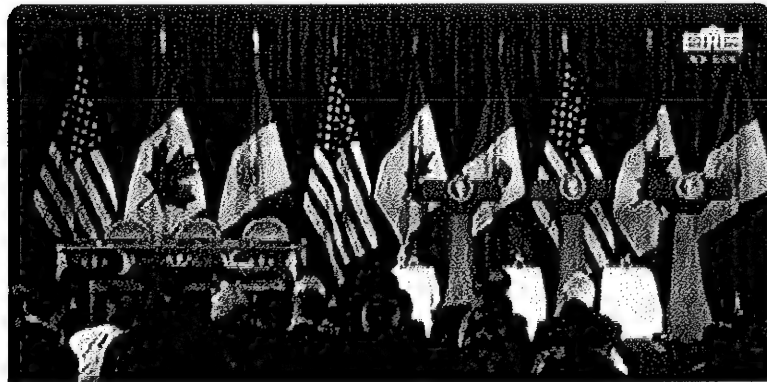


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## The United States Signs a Stronger Trade Agreement with Mexico and Canada

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**REBALANCING OUR TRADE RELATIONSHIP:** President Donald J. Trump kept his promise to deliver a modern and rebalanced trade deal to replace NAFTA.

- Today in Argentina, the United States is joining Canada and Mexico to sign a new trade agreement that will better serve the interests of American workers and businesses.
  - This follows the President's announcement in October that a deal had been reached.
- The new United States–Mexico–Canada Agreement (USMCA) will replace the outdated, failed North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).
- With the signing of this agreement, President Trump has delivered on his promise to renegotiate NAFTA and protect American farmers, ranchers, businesses, and workers.



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Jeremy,

That would work great – thanks very much. Just let me know where to be and I'll be there.

Evan

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**From:** Wiggins, Jeremy G. EOP/WHO [<mailto:Jeremy.G.Wiggins3@who.eop.gov>]  
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**To:** Daniels, Evan  
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Evan,

Would 10am on April 2<sup>nd</sup> work?

Best,  
Jeremy

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**Subject:** Everything You Need to Know About the President's Budget



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Office of Communications

Today, the White House is releasing President Trump's FY 2020 budget request, A Budget for a Better America. This proposal builds on the successes the Trump Administration has achieved over the last two years, including pro-growth policies that have unleashed the American economy and created millions of new jobs.

Overall, the President's budget would:

- Cut spending by \$2.7 trillion over 10 years
- Put the budget on a path to balance within 15 years
- Provides funding for critical priorities, including border security, rebuilding America's military, caring for our nation's veterans, and supporting working families

More information below on the President's budget request, including fact sheets from the White House and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

**The President's Budget:** [OMB.Gov/Budget](https://www.omb.gov/budget)

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*"President Trump on Monday unveils A Budget for a Better America; a new outline for government spending that invests in critical national priorities while restraining spending to give taxpayers the best value for their tax dollar. In total, the president's 2020 Budget keeps his promise of a 5 percent cut to non-defense discretionary spending, reduces deficits by over \$2.7 trillion over 10 years, and balances the budget in 15 years, by 2034."*

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- [Border Security](#)
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- [Combatting the Opioid Epidemic](#)
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- [Criminal Justice](#)
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**President Trump Is Promoting A Fiscally Responsible And Pro-American 2020 Budget**

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*“America is roaring back, and now is the time to invest in the future of America.” – President Donald J. Trump*

**FURTHERING OUR ECONOMIC PROSPERITY:** President Donald J. Trump’s budget request will continue our economic resurgence while furthering his vision to reduce spending and invest in America.

- The Trump Administration’s pro-growth policies have unleashed the American economy, creating millions of jobs and resulting in historically low unemployment.
- However, the national debt – currently more than \$22 trillion – remains a grave threat to our economic and societal prosperity.
- This budget will address the national debt crisis while still investing in critical American priorities that will allow America to further excel in the future.

**RESPONSIBLE BUDGETING:** President Trump’s budget request promotes responsible Government spending by prioritizing effective programs and cutting waste.

- The budget reduces nondefense programmatic spending by 5 percent below the 2019 cap level.
- Proposes policies to shrink or eliminate Federal programs that fail to deliver desired outcomes for the American people.
- Reduces spending by \$2.7 trillion over 10 years, shrinking the deficit from nearly 5 percent of GDP in 2020 to under 1 percent of GDP in 2029.
  - Puts the Federal budget on a path to balance within 15 years.
- Sticks to the current discretionary spending caps while also providing additional defense resources through investments in Overseas Contingency Operations and emergency funding.
  - Allows us to fund our national security needs while avoiding a costly “cap deal,” which would increase defense and nondefense spending.

**INVESTMENT IN AMERICA:** President Trump’s budget request reflects his commitment to defending our Nation, ending the opioid epidemic, and building a strong American workforce.

- \$32.5 billion for border security and immigration enforcement activities to help manage the immigration crisis on the United States southern border, including:
  - \$8.6 billion for the border wall, funded by Department of Defense (DOD) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS).
  - \$478 million to hire 1,750 additional Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) law enforcement officers.
  - \$2.7 billion in funding for 54,000 ICE immigration detention beds.
- \$750 billion for national defense – including \$718 billion for DOD to pursue the National Defense Strategy.
  - Priorities include: strategic competition with Russia and China, countering rogue regimes such as North Korea and Iran, defeating terrorist threats, and consolidating gains in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- \$80.2 billion to fund Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical care requirements in 2020.
  - Fully supports implementation of the historic VA MISSION Act to provide veterans greater choice on where they receive their healthcare, including at a private provider.
- \$330 million for the Department of Justice to aid State and local efforts to fight the opioid crisis.
- The budget promotes quality education and job training, holds higher education institutions more accountable, and expands Pell Grants to high-quality short-term training programs.

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Attorney General,

Making sure to flag for you.

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**From:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 10, 2019 11:16 PM  
**Subject:** White House: NAAG Event Follow-Up

Attorneys General,

Thank you for recently joining us at the White House. I wanted to provide the attached photos from the event.

Please do not hesitate to reach out directly to me with any questions or follow-up. I manage the relationship with and outreach to Attorneys General on behalf of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** White House Business Session with the Nation's Governors



THE WHITE HOUSE  
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Yesterday at the White House, President Trump addressed 36 Governors from across the country, including many from your states, who were in town for the National Governors Association (NGA) winter meeting. In the following Business Session, these Governors met and had productive discussions with Cabinet Members and other Administration officials on a variety of critical issues that benefit from strong State-Federal partnerships.

Over a total of nine breakout and plenary sessions, these Governors and officials discussed:

- Workforce Development
- Modernizing and Rebalancing Trade
- Improving School Safety
- Infrastructure and Industries of the Future
- Advancing Opportunity Zones – A New Tool for Distressed Communities
- Combatting the Opioid Epidemic and Reducing Drug Demand
- Improving Health Care and Drug Pricing
- Prison and Criminal Justice Reform

More information below on these meetings, including the President's remarks, readouts of these sessions, and participant lists.

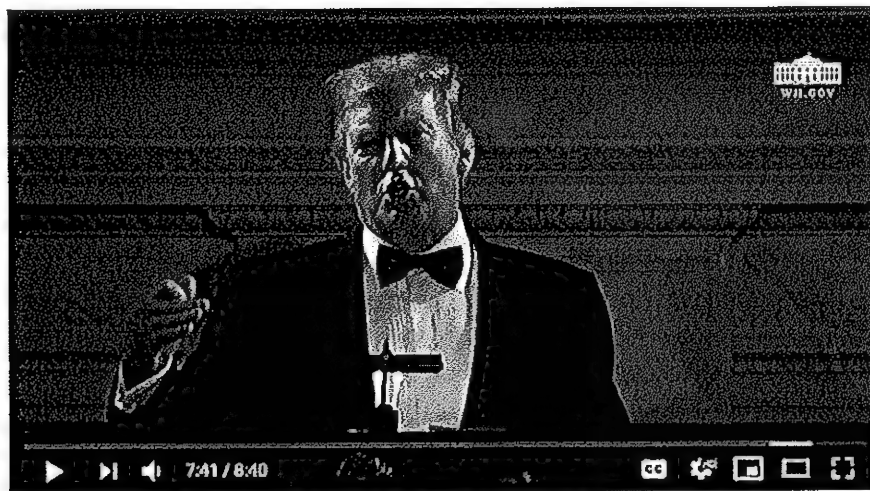
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- [Transcript of Remarks by President Trump at the 2019 White House Business Session with our Nation's Governors](#)



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- **Transcript of Remarks by President Trump at 2019 Governors' Ball**



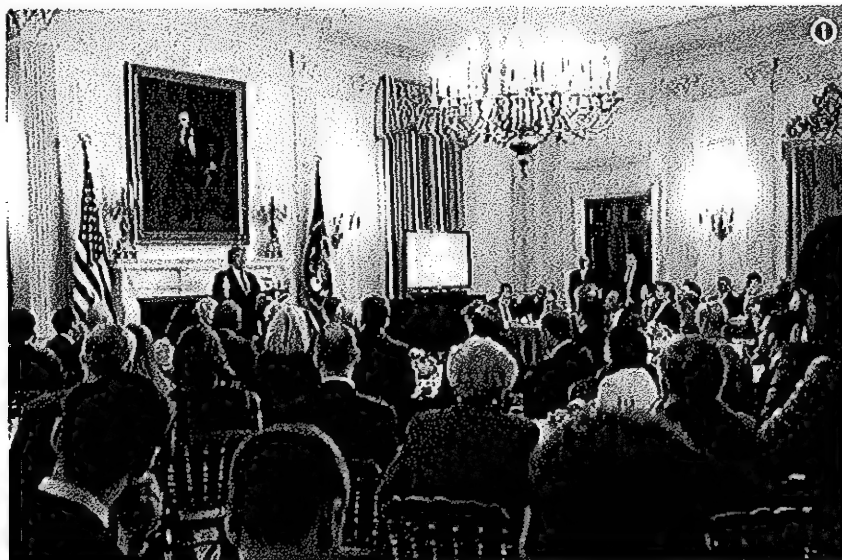
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#### **Participating Governors:**

- Gov. Kay Ivey, Alabama
- Gov. Doug Ducey, Arizona
- Gov. Asa Hutchinson, Arkansas
- Gov. Ralph Torres, Northern Mariana Islands
- Gov. Jared Polis, Colorado
- Gov. John Carney, Delaware
- Gov. Ron DeSantis, Florida
- Gov. Brian Kemp, Georgia
- Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero, Guam
- Gov. David Ige, Hawaii
- Gov. Brad Little, Idaho
- Gov. J.B. Pritzker, Illinois
- Gov. Eric Holcomb, Indiana
- Gov. Kim Reynolds, Iowa
- Gov. Matt Bevin, Kentucky
- Gov. John Bel Edwards, Louisiana
- Gov. Charlie Baker, Massachusetts
- Gov. Larry Hogan, Maryland
- Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, Michigan
- Gov. Tim Walz, Minnesota

- Gov. Mike Parson, Missouri
- Gov. Phil Bryant, Mississippi
- Gov. Steve Bullock, Montana
- Gov. Pete Ricketts, Nebraska
- Gov. Chris Sununu, New Hampshire
- Gov. Phil Murphy, New Jersey
- Gov. Doug Burgum, North Dakota
- Gov. Mike DeWine, Ohio
- Gov. Kevin Stitt, Oklahoma
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- Gov. Henry McMaster, South Carolina
- Gov. Kristi Noem, South Dakota
- Gov. Greg Abbott, Texas
- Gov. Albert Bryan, U.S. Virgin Islands
- Gov. Gary Herbert, Utah
- Gov. Jay Inslee, Washington

## Tweets:



The White House

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"We want every citizen to gain the cutting-edge skills they need to enjoy a rewarding, lifelong career." President Trump held a meeting with America's governors this morning on equipping our fast-growing American workforce for the 7.3 million job openings in today's market.

♥ 1,952 8:08 PM · Feb 25, 2019

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.@FLOTUS Melania Trump hosts governors' spouses for a luncheon at the @NavyMemorial to celebrate the spirit of bipartisan cooperation. #WeTheStates

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 See NGA's other Tweets



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### **Workforce Development and Rewarding Careers**

In a Plenary Session with all 36 Governors at today's Business Session, Trump Administration officials discussed ways the Federal government can partner with States on workforce development and continue the economy's historic job growth.

Director of the National Economic Council Larry Kudlow discussed the economic resurgence under President Trump, including job creation and wage gains that are benefiting America's workers. Advisor to the President Ivanka Trump highlighted the Administration's workforce development initiatives, legislative priorities, and its Pledge to America's Workers. So far, this initiative has led public and private partners, including many of the States represented at the White House today, to pledge 6.5 million opportunities to hire, reskill, and educate American students and workers. Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers Kevin Hassett discussed the historic number of job openings in the U.S. economy, and the skills gap that needs to be met to fill many of these jobs.



**Secretary Acosta**   
@SecretaryAcosta



Productive discussion at the @WhiteHouse with @POTUS and 40+ governors on ensuring that every American has the opportunity to secure good, safe, family-sustaining careers through #MoreApprenticeships and other skills-based #WorkforceDevelopment initiatives.

♡ 189 11:55 AM - Feb 25, 2019



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**Ivanka Trump**   
@IvankaTrump



Joining @realDonaldTrump and our Nation's Governors this morning to discuss their #1 priority in 2019, workforce development!

More (and better paying!) American jobs requires investment in our Country's greatest asset, it's people! #NGA

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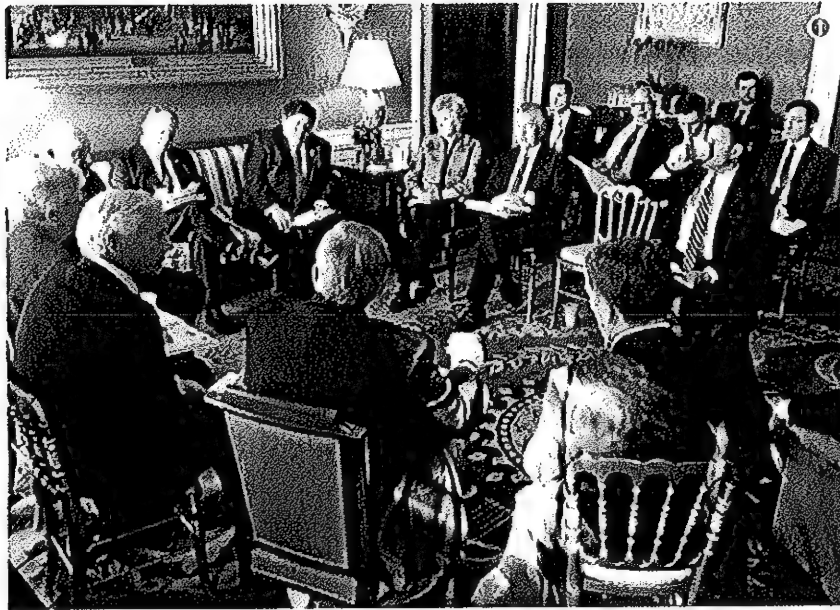
#### Trump Administration Participants:

Larry Kudlow, Assistant to the President & Director, National Economic Council  
Ivanka Trump, Advisor to the President  
Kevin Hassett, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers

#### Modernizing and Rebalancing Trade

Since the first day of his Administration, President Trump has been fighting for fair, free, and reciprocal trade deals that put American workers and businesses first. The President has kept his word to replace the outdated NAFTA by negotiating a new landmark Agreement for the 21st century, the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement (USMCA).

Over two breakout sessions, Governors and Administration officials discussed how States will benefit from new trade agreements, including USMCA, and how the Federal government can help facilitate international trade and development in the States. Participants also discussed policies to continue the revitalization of American manufacturing that the country has seen over the last two years under the Trump Administration.



Linda McMahon  
@SBALinda



Discussing benefits of the #USMCA trade agreement, including intellectual property protection for small businesses, with @NatlGovsAssoc Governors at the @WhiteHouse. @SBAgov

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Trump Administration:

Secretary Sonny Perdue, Department of Agriculture  
Administrator Linda McMahon, Small Business Administration  
Ambassador Robert Lighthizer, United States Trade Representative

Governors (First Session):

Gov. Asa Hutchinson, *Arkansas*  
Gov. Eric Holcomb, *Indiana*  
Gov. Kim Reynolds, *Iowa*  
Gov. Steve Bullock, *Montana*  
Gov. Doug Burgum, *North Dakota*  
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Governors (Second Session):

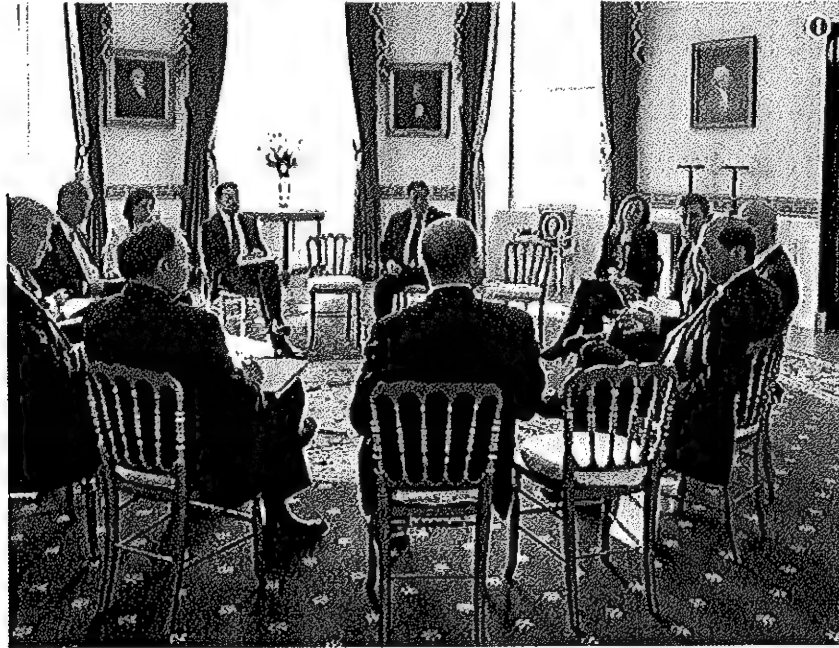
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Gov. Pete Ricketts, *Nebraska*

Gov. Henry McMaster, *South Carolina*  
Gov. Gary Herbert, *Utah*

### Improving Healthcare and Drug Pricing

President Trump has made it a priority of his Administration to increase choice, competition, and transparency in our healthcare system. By working with partners, including the States, the Trump Administration is striving to lower the cost of healthcare and prescription drugs for all Americans.

During a breakout session, **Governors and Administration officials discussed ideas for controlling healthcare costs and increasing competition**, policies to make Medicaid more sustainable, and ways to give States more flexibility in administering the Medicaid program. Participants also discussed some of the challenges facing rural healthcare systems and ways to improve State-Federal partnerships in healthcare.



**Secretary Alex Azar**   
**@SecAzar**



Lower drug prices. Increased transparency. Telemedicine and rural health. We were glad to be able to discuss our work in these and other areas with many of our nation's governors at the @WhiteHouse today as we work together to protect the health and well-being of all Americans.

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We also discussed the Trump administration's joint efforts with states to address illicit fentanyl use and the prevention and treatment of opioid abuse nationwide.

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#### Trump Administration:

Secretary Alex Azar, Department of Health and Human Services  
Administrator Seema Verma, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
Joe Grogan, Assistant to the President & Director, Domestic Policy Council  
Brian Blase, Special Assistant to the President, National Economic Council  
Katy Talento, Special Assistant to the President, Domestic Policy Council

#### Governors:

Gov. Jared Polis, *Colorado*  
Gov. Ralph Torres, *Northern Mariana Islands*  
Gov. David Ige, *Hawaii*  
Gov. Brad Little, *Idaho*  
Gov. Charlie Baker, *Massachusetts*  
Gov. Pete Ricketts, *Nebraska*  
Gov. Ricardo Rossello, *Puerto Rico*  
Gov. Gary Herbert, *Utah*

#### Improving School Safety

President Trump and his Administration have made serious strides to improve the safety in our Nation's schools, signing into law the STOP School Violence Act and the Fix NICS Act last year and establishing the Federal Commission on School Safety (FCSS), which delivered a report that made more than 90 recommendations on how to make the Nation's schools safer.

In a breakout session, Governors and Administration officials discussed Federal resources that are available to schools and communities to improve school safety and how the Federal government can make these resources better known and utilized. Participants also discussed the recently released FCSS report, what policies States plan to implement from the report, and how the Administration can assist States in their implementation. Additionally, Governors shared specific actions that schools and communities have taken in their states to protect students and teachers over the last year since the President elevated this important topic in a discussion with governors.



**Sec. Kirstjen Nielsen**   
@SecNielsen



Thank you to our nation's governors who gathered this morning at the White House. I was joined by @BetsyDeVosED & AG William Barr for a breakout session focused on improving school safety and helping our state partners keep their communities safe.

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#### Trump Administration:

Attorney General Bill Barr, Department of Justice  
Secretary Betsy DeVos, Department of Education  
Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, Department of Homeland Security  
Assistant Secretary Dr. Elinore McCance-Katz, Department of Health and Human Services  
Theo Wold, Special Assistant to the President, Domestic Policy Council  
Rob Goad, Special Assistant to the President, Domestic Policy Council

#### Governors:

Gov. Kay Ivey, *Alabama*  
Gov. Doug Ducey, *Arizona*  
Gov. Ron DeSantis, *Florida*  
Gov. John Bel Edwards, *Louisiana*  
Gov. Tim Walz, *Minnesota*  
Gov. Mike Parson, *Missouri*  
Gov. Chris Sununu, *New Hampshire*  
Gov. Henry McMaster, *South Carolina*  
Gov. Kristi Noem, *South Dakota*

### **Advancing Opportunity Zones**

President Trump's historic tax cut legislation included new Opportunity Zone Incentives to promote investment in low-income communities across the Nation. Opportunity Zones represent not only a powerful new tool for community revitalization in both urban and rural settings, but are also a key area of partnership between State and Federal officials. More than 8,700 distressed communities in all 50 States and five territories are now designated as Opportunity Zones after being nominated by the States and being certified by the Treasury Department.

**In a breakout session, Governors and Administration officials discussed ways to further strengthen their partnership on Opportunity Zones, how the Federal government and States can partner to overcome barriers to urban revitalization, and how to identify key barriers to preventing growth in rural America.**

#### Trump Administration:

Secretary Ben Carson, Department of Housing & Urban Development  
Secretary Steve Mnuchin, Department of the Treasury  
Secretary Wilbur Ross, Department of Commerce  
Kevin Hassett, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers  
Brooke Rollins, Assistant to the President for Strategic Initiatives  
Ja'Ron Smith, Special Assistant to the President, Legislative Affairs

Ben Hobbs, Special Assistant to the President, Domestic Policy Council

Governors:

Gov. John Carney, *Delaware*  
Gov. Brian Kemp, *Georgia*  
Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero, *Guam*  
Gov. Matt Bevin, *Kentucky*  
Gov. J.B. Pritzker, *Illinois*  
Gov. Larry Hogan, *Maryland*  
Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, *Michigan*  
Gov. Phil Bryant, *Mississippi*  
Gov. Phil Murphy, *New Jersey*  
Gov. Mike DeWine, *Ohio*  
Gov. Albert Bryan, *U.S. Virgin Islands*

**Prison and Criminal Justice Reform**

In his first two years in office, President Trump has worked with Members of Congress, State and Local officials, and other private and public sector partners in a bipartisan fashion to make our criminal justice system fairer for all Americans. This culminated last year in the President signing the landmark First Step Act, a bill that reforms decades of failed sentencing policies, will reduce recidivism, and will help prepare inmates to successfully reintegrate into society.

In a breakout session, Governors and Administration officials discussed successful State prison and criminal justice reform efforts and how the Governors have reduced recidivism and improved reentry policies in their own States. Additionally, participants discussed what further actions can be taken at the Federal level to promote job training and reintegration for former prisoners, including during the implementation of the First Step Act.

Trump Administration:

Secretary Alexander Acosta, Department of Labor  
Acting Director Hugh Hurwitz, Bureau of Prisons  
Brooke Rollins, Assistant to the President for Strategic Initiatives  
Ja’Ron Smith, Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs

Governors:

Gov. Asa Hutchinson, *Arkansas*  
Gov. Ron DeSantis, *Florida*  
Gov. Brad Little, *Idaho*  
Gov. Kim Reynolds, *Iowa*  
Gov. Matt Bevin, *Kentucky*  
Gov. Phil Bryant, *Mississippi*  
Gov. Kevin Stitt, *Oklahoma*  
Gov. Kristi Noem, *South Dakota*

**Infrastructure and Industries of the Future**

President Trump has repeatedly emphasized the need to invest in America’s crumbling infrastructure, calling on Congress to pass a bipartisan infrastructure investment that will rebuild our crumbling roads, aging bridges, crowded airports, and deliver the 21<sup>st</sup> century infrastructure that Americans want. The Trump Administration has already made progress on streamlining the Federal permitting of infrastructure projects through the One Federal Decision Making initiative.

In a breakout session, Governors and Administration officials discussed the inefficiencies in the current Federal regulatory and permitting process that delays new infrastructure projects across the country, how Federal funds can

best be used to increase State and Local infrastructure investments, and how States have addressed their own infrastructure backlogs.

Trump Administration:

Secretary Elaine Chao, Department of Transportation

Secretary Wilbur Ross, Department of Commerce

Kelvin Droegemeier, Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy

Chris Liddell, Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy Coordination

Governors:

Gov. Ralph Torres, *Northern Mariana Islands*

Gov. Jared Polis, *Colorado*

Gov. Brian Kemp, *Georgia*

Gov. Larry Hogan, *Maryland*

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, *Michigan*

Gov. Mike Parson, *Missouri*

Gov. Steve Bullock, *Montana*

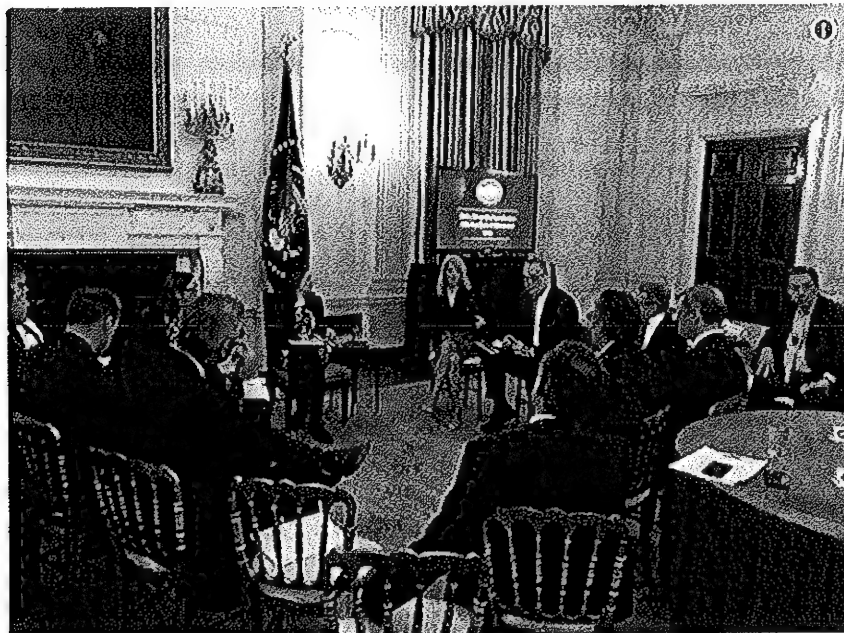
Gov. Phil Murphy, *New Jersey*

Gov. Albert Bryan, *U.S. Virgin Islands*

**Combatting the Opioid Crisis and Reducing Drug Demand**

President Trump has made it a priority to partner with State and Local officials across the country to combat the opioid crisis that has devastated our communities. In 2018, the Trump Administration provided more than \$2 billion in grants to help States, territories, tribes, and local communities prevent and treat opioid abuse, after the President helped secure a record \$6 billion in total funding from Congress to fight the opioid epidemic.

In a breakout session, Governors discussed proven and effective actions that their States have taken to reduce drug demand and address the opioid crisis. Participants also discussed Federal barriers to better addressing the opioids crisis, how the Federal government can best partner with States on marketing initiatives regarding drug demand reduction, and how States have leveraged increased Federal funding and waivers to combat the opioid crisis.



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During the @NatlGovsAssoc's Winter meeting today, Director Carroll and @KellyannePolls spoke about combating addiction w/ a bipartisan group of governors, incl @JohnCarneyDE, @MassGovernor, @GovHolcomb, @DougBurgum, @MikeDeWine, @GovChrisSununu, and @GovJanetMills. #WeTheStates

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#### Trump Administration:

Attorney General Bill Barr, Department of Justice

Secretary Alex Azar, Department of Health and Human Services

Kellyanne Conway, Assistant to the President and Senior Counselor to the President

Director Jim Carroll, Office of National Drug Control Policy

Katy Talento, Special Assistant to the President, Domestic Policy Council

#### Governors:

Gov. John Carney, *Delaware*

Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero, *Guam*

Gov. Eric Holcomb, *Indiana*

Gov. Charlie Baker, *Massachusetts*

Gov. Chris Sununu, *New Hampshire*

Gov. Doug Burgum, *North Dakota*

Gov. Mike DeWine, *Ohio*

Gov. Ricardo Rossello, *Puerto Rico*

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**Subject:** What You Need To Know | President Trump's National Emergency in Context

## **What You Need To Know | President Trump's National Emergency in Context**

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*National emergencies are regularly used by Presidents to address crises. President Trump is using it to solve a crisis we are facing at our southern border.*

**A REGULARLY USED PRESIDENTIAL ACTION:** Presidents have regularly declared national emergencies under the National Emergencies Act.

- There were 31 ongoing national emergencies when President Trump declared the national emergency at our border, bringing the total number in effect today to 32.
  - These national emergencies declared in the past are renewed every year by President after President.
  - Of those in effect, one was initially declared by President Carter, six by President Clinton, eleven by President George W. Bush, ten by President Obama, and four by President Trump.
  - In fact, President Obama declared a national emergency to deal with the threat of criminal cartels, including cartels operating on our southern border.
    - This 2011 Executive Order states: "These organizations facilitate and aggravate violent civil conflicts and increasingly facilitate the activities of other dangerous persons. I therefore determine that significant transnational criminal organizations constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States, and hereby declare a national emergency to deal with that threat."
- The President is responsible for determining what constitutes a national emergency.
- Past Presidents have regularly used national emergency declarations to address ongoing and sometimes long-running problems overseas.
  - For example, President Clinton declared that the blood diamond trade in Sierra Leone created a national emergency in the United States.
  - President Obama declared national emergencies related to situations in Somalia, Libya, Yemen, Ukraine, South Sudan, Burundi, and more.
- National emergencies have been used to address problems domestically, such as when President Obama declared a national emergency in response to the swine flu.
- Now, the President is using the same lawful authority used in the past to address an emergency at our border.

**ADDRESSING THE EMERGENCY ON OUR OWN BORDER: President Trump is acting pursuant to authority provided by Congress to declare a national emergency and address the ongoing border crisis.**

- President Trump has declared a national emergency to address the national security and humanitarian crisis occurring at on our border with Mexico.
- When faced with the facts, there is no denying that we are facing an urgent crisis at our border.
- The makeup of border crossings has shifted dramatically in recent years to include mostly minors and families, who require substantial humanitarian resources to assist them.
- Alien minors and families are significantly more difficult to remove from the country, even though they have no lawful basis to remain here.
- Dedicating more resources to respond to these crossings and providing humanitarian assistance takes Border Patrol agents away from interdicting dangerous drugs.
- Drugs continue to pour across our border, poisoning our communities, and taking too many American lives.
- More than 70,000 Americans died from drug overdoses in 2017 alone (compared to the 12,500 who died from swine flu when President Obama declared a national emergency in 2009).
- States have used emergency declarations responding to crises at the border in the past.
  - In 2005, New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson (D) declared a state of emergency along the border, claiming the area had "been devastated by the ravages and terror of human smuggling, drug smuggling, kidnapping, murder, destruction of property, and the death of livestock."

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**From:** Daniels, Evan  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 21, 2019 12:40 PM  
**To:** 'Olmem, Andrew J. EOP/WHO'  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] e-introduction

Andy,

Thanks very much. On Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> I'm wide open before a 3pm appointment at the CFPB. Could also do something between 8-10 the morning of Monday the 1<sup>st</sup>. Very much appreciate you making time for me.

Evan Daniels  
Unit Chief Counsel, Government Accountability Unit  
Fintech Sandbox Counsel



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**Cc:** Daniels, Evan  
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Hi Caroline.

Evan - happy to meet. What works?

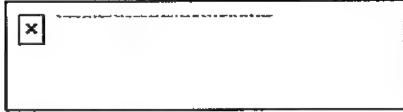
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On Feb 21, 2019, at 2:26 PM, Caroline Lynch <[caroline@copperhillstrategies.com](mailto:caroline@copperhillstrategies.com)> wrote:

Andy -- I hope you're doing well! I'd like to introduce you to Evan Daniels with the Arizona Attorney General's Office. Evan is spearheading the Arizona fintech sandbox on behalf of the AG and will be visiting D.C. in early April. I know you're incredibly busy but if you or one of your colleagues have some time to meet with Evan, I know he would welcome the opportunity to brief you all on the sandbox.

Thanks so much and please give me best to Eleni!!

Take care,  
Caroline



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**Subject:** An Excellent Choice for Deputy Attorney General

All:

This evening, President Trump announced that he intends to nominate Jeffrey Rosen to be the nation's Deputy Attorney General.

Mr. Rosen:

- Has exemplary legal qualifications
- Is twice Senate confirmed with bipartisan support
- Has extensive government and private sector experience

More information below on Mr. Rosen's qualifications and statements of support for his nomination.

### Biography:

Jeffrey A. Rosen currently is the **21st Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation**, after having been confirmed by the United States Senate in May 2017 in a bipartisan vote. In this role, he acts as the Department's Chief Operating Officer and advises and assists the Secretary in leading the Department's Operating Administrations and more than 50,000 employees.

Previously, Mr. Rosen was a **Senior Partner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP**, where he held positions of Associate, Partner, Co-Head of the Washington, D.C. office, and member of Kirkland's Global Executive Management Committee during his nearly thirty years as a litigator at the firm.

Mr. Rosen was previously appointed as:

- **General Counsel and Senior Policy Advisor for the White House Office of Management and Budget** (2006 to 2009)
- **General Counsel at the U.S. Department of Transportation** (2003 to 2006) - A position for which he was confirmed unanimously by the United States Senate in December 2003

He previously served as:

- Adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center
- The Chair of the American Bar Association's Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice (2015-2016)

Mr. Rosen received a B.A. in economics with Highest Distinction from Northwestern University (1979) and a J.D. Magna Cum Laude from Harvard Law School (1982).

### Statements of Support:

**U.S. Attorney General William Barr:** "Jeffrey Rosen is a distinguished lawyer who has served at the highest levels of government and the private sector. As an attorney, he has more than 35 years' experience litigating complex matters in state and federal courts across the country, including as a partner at Kirkland & Ellis. He supervised more than 400 attorneys while serving as General Counsel at the Department of Transportation and also served as General Counsel and Senior Policy Advisor at the White House Office of Management and Budget. He currently serves as Deputy Secretary of Transportation, where he leads 50,000 employees. His years of outstanding legal and management experience make him an excellent choice to succeed

Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, who has served the Department of Justice over many years with dedication and distinction.”

**Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao:** “As Deputy Secretary at the U. S. Department of Transportation, Jeff Rosen has played a critical role in helping me lead and manage a department with more than 55,000 people and a budget of more than \$85 billion to accomplish important results in our first two years. His hard work, dedication, and decades of experience are evident each day at the Department. I will be sorry to lose him, but I am confident that he is the right lawyer to help the new Attorney General succeed at the Justice Department, for the benefit of the American people.”

**Former U.S. Solicitor General Paul Clement:** “Jeff Rosen is a lawyer's lawyer and a skilled administrator. Jeff had years of experience as a trial lawyer before joining the Bush Administration. He has now added years of management experience, including his current role at Transportation. Jeff will be an ideal complement to Bill Barr at Justice.”

**Norman Y. Mineta, former Secretary of Transportation under President George W. Bush and former Secretary of Commerce under President William J. Clinton:** “Jeff Rosen is a person of character and integrity, and one of Washington's most prominent lawyers, with whom I have worked closely in the past. Jeff brings deep government and management experience from his leadership roles at DOT, OMB, and in private practice. I am pleased to see today's announcement that he will be nominated to become Deputy Attorney General, and I expect that he will serve the country well at DOJ, just as he did when he worked with me.”

**Ted Ulyot, former Chief of Staff to Attorney General Al Gonzales; former law partner of Jeff Rosen at Kirkland; and former general counsel of Facebook:** “President Trump couldn't have made a better choice for Deputy Attorney General than Jeff Rosen. Jeff is a lawyer's lawyer, having been a highly successful litigation partner for two decades at Kirkland & Ellis. He also has unparalleled experience in the executive branch — including serving in the comparable role as #2 at a major department (Transportation) and as General Counsel of the Office of Management and Budget. At OMB, Jeff worked closely with Justice Department leadership in addressing DOJ priorities, so he is familiar with the Department and well-known and well respected by the team at Justice. Jeff is a distinguished lawyer and executive branch veteran who will be an outstanding deputy to Attorney General Barr.”

**Thomas Yannucci, Chair Emeritus, Kirkland Management Committee:** “Jeff Rosen is a consummate lawyer—a brilliant analyst who possesses nuanced judgment and is a superb advocate. He honed these skills by handling complex cases involving securities, antitrust, trade secrets and regulatory matters. He also served on Kirkland's Firmwide Management Committee for a number of years, and he recruited and mentored many of Kirkland's talented lawyers. Finally, his 25-year long relationship with Bill Barr will allow the new team at Justice to get off to a fast start.”

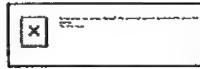
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February 19, 2019

**President Donald J. Trump Announces Intent to Nominate Individual to a Key  
Administration Post**

Today, President Donald J. Trump announced his intent to nominate the following individual to a key position in his Administration:

**Jeffrey A. Rosen of Virginia, to be the Deputy Attorney General at the Department of Justice.**

Mr. Rosen currently serves as Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation. Previously, Mr. Rosen was a senior partner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP. During his nearly 30 years at that firm, he held positions of Associate, Partner, Co-Head of the Washington, D.C., office, and member of Kirkland's Global Executive Management Committee. Mr. Rosen served as General Counsel and Senior Policy Advisor for the White House Office of Management and Budget and as General Counsel at the U.S. Department of Transportation. Additionally, he served as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center and Chair of the American Bar Association's Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice. Mr. Rosen earned his B.A. in economics with Highest Distinction from Northwestern University and his J.D., magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School.

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**Subject:** WH IGA (Fact Sheet): President Trump's Executive Action on Border Security



### **White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs**

This morning, President Trump declared a national emergency on the Southern border using his existing and clear legal authority. More information on this action is below.

Sincerely,

**The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs**

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White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs  
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### **PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP'S BORDER SECURITY VICTORY**

*"I will never waver from my sacred duty to defend this Nation and its people. We will get the job done." – President Donald J. Trump*

**SECURING OUR BORDER: President Donald J. Trump is following through on his promise to secure the border with legislation and Executive action.**

- President Trump was elected partly on his promise to secure the Southern Border with a barrier and, since his first day in office, he has been following through on that promise.
- As the President has said, sections of the border wall are already being built, and legislation and Executive actions are building on that progress.
- Executive action being taken by the President makes available additional funding to secure our border that is essential to our national security.

**LEGISLATIVE WINS: President Trump secured a number of significant legislative victories in the Homeland Security appropriations bill that further his effort to secure the Southern Border and protect our country.**

- The funding bill contains robust resources and additional provisions to secure the border and strengthen immigration enforcement.
- The bill provides \$1.375 billion for approximately 55 miles of border barrier in highly dangerous and drug smuggling areas in the Rio Grande Valley, where it is desperately needed.

- More than 40 percent of all border apprehensions occurred in the Rio Grande Valley sector in fiscal year (FY) 2018.
- The Rio Grande Valley was the border sector with the most known deaths of illegal border crossers in FY 2018.
- \$415 million will go toward addressing the humanitarian crisis at the border by providing medical care, transportation, processing centers, and consumables.
- President Trump successfully rejected efforts by some to undercut Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) ability to uphold our laws and detain illegal aliens, including criminals.
  - ICE funding supports nearly 5,000 additional beds to detain illegal aliens and keep criminals off our streets.
- Customs and Border Protection will receive funding for 600 additional officers.
- This bill will help keep deadly drugs out of our communities by increasing drug detection at ports of entry, including opioid detection staffing, labs, and equipment.

**A PROMISE TO ACT: President Trump is taking Executive action to ensure we stop the national security and humanitarian crisis at our Southern Border.**

- President Trump is using his legal authority to take Executive action to secure additional resources, just as he promised. In part, he is declaring a national emergency that makes available additional troops and funding for military construction.
- Including funding in Homeland Security appropriations, the Administration has so far identified up to \$8.1 billion that will be available to build the border wall once a national emergency is declared and additional funds have been reprogrammed, including:
  - About \$601 million from the Treasury Forfeiture Fund
  - Up to \$2.5 billion under the Department of Defense funds transferred for Support for Counterdrug Activities (Title 10 United States Code, section 284)
  - Up to \$3.6 billion reallocated from Department of Defense military construction projects under the President's declaration of a national emergency (Title 10 United States Code, section 2808)
- These funding sources will be used sequentially and as needed.
- The Department of Homeland Security, Department of Defense, and the Army Corps of Engineers are working to create a prioritized list of segments and a work plan for the remainder of FY 2019 and beyond.
  - New projects could include: new levee wall, new and replacement primary pedestrian barrier, new vehicle-to-pedestrian barrier, and new secondary barrier.

**NATIONAL EMERGENCY ON OUR BORDER: The President is using his clear authority to declare a national emergency as allowed under the National Emergencies Act.**

- Since 1976, presidents have declared nearly 60 national emergencies.
  - Most of the previously declared national emergencies have been continually renewed and are still in effect, after being continually renewed.
- Multiple Governors have declared states of emergency along the border in the past.
  - Former Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano, who became President Obama's DHS Secretary, declared a state of emergency along the border in 2005.
  - Former New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson also declared a state of emergency at the border in 2005.
- Former President George W. Bush and former President Obama both directed the use of the military to assist DHS in securing and managing the Southern Border.
- Former President Bush declared a national emergency in 2001, which invoked reprogramming authority granted by Title 10 United States Code, section 2808, and both he and former President Obama used that authority a total of 18 times to fund projects between 2001 and 2014.

**ADDRESSING THE CRISIS AT HAND: President Trump is taking the necessary steps to address the crisis at our Southern Border and stop crime and drugs from flooding into our Nation.**

- Cartels, traffickers, and gangs, like the vile MS-13 gang, have taken advantage of our weak borders for their own gain.
- Immigration officers have made 266,000 arrests of criminal aliens in the last two fiscal years.
  - This includes aliens charged or convicted of approximately 100,000 assaults, 30,000 sex crimes, and 4,000 killings.
- Tons of deadly drugs have flooded across the border and into our communities, taking countless American lives.
  - Methamphetamine, heroin, cocaine, and fentanyl all flow across our Southern Border and destroy our communities.
  - More than 70,000 Americans died of drug overdoses in 2017 alone.
- Human traffickers exploit our borders to traffic young girls and women into our country and sell them into prostitution and slavery.
- Massive caravans of migrants view our unsecure border as a way to gain illegal entry into our country and take advantage of our nonsensical immigration loopholes.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of Communications

This morning, **President Trump will declare a national emergency on the Southern border using his existing and clear legal authority.** More information below, including a White House fact sheet, on this announcement.

**As always, supportive statements from your bosses are greatly appreciated, especially to help echo the need for this declaration.** Please flag any supportive statements for me at [Andrew.Z.Parkinson@who.eop.gov](mailto:Andrew.Z.Parkinson@who.eop.gov).

**Topline:**

- President Trump is following through on his promise to secure the border with legislation and Executive action.
- The President is using his clear and existing legal authority to declare a national emergency under the National Emergencies Act.
  - President Trump is adding to the funding bill in areas where it falls short by using his legal authority to take executive action, just as he said he would.
  - In total, up to \$8.1 billion will be available to build the border wall under a national emergency.
  - Since 1976, Presidents have declared nearly 60 national emergencies.
  - Most previously declared national emergencies are still in effect, after being continually renewed.
  - Multiple Governors have declared states of emergency along the Southern border in the past.
    - Then-Governors Bill Richardson (D-NM) and Janet Napolitano (D-AZ) declared emergencies along the border in 2005.
- The funding bill does contain some significant legislative victories that further President Trump's effort to secure the border and protect our country.
  - The bill provides \$1.375 billion for 55 miles of border barrier in highly dangerous and drug smuggling areas in the Rio Grande Valley, where it is desperately needed.
  - President Trump successfully rejected efforts by some to undercut Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) ability to uphold our laws and detain illegal aliens, including criminals.

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## President Trump Speaks on the National Security & Humanitarian Crisis on Our Southern Border

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### Statement from Press Secretary Sarah Sanders:

*"President Trump will sign the government funding bill, and as he has stated before, he will also take other executive action - including a national emergency - to ensure we stop the national security and humanitarian crisis at the border. The President is once again delivering on his promise to build the wall, protect the border, and secure our great country."*

### Washington Examiner: Paul Bedard: Where Trump Won: Historic ICE Funding, Triple Wall Miles, Killed 'Poison Pills'

*"Compared to a simple continuing resolution with nothing extra beyond current spending levels set in fiscal 2018, Trump gained extra funding for the wall. A CR would have provided \$500 million, said the source, but Trump received \$1.375 billion. That is "triple" the number of miles in the fiscal 2018 budget and "nearly three times as much as would have been available under a CR," said the source. On detention beds, the number increased 13 percent over fiscal 2018. And when another \$750 million in transfer and reprogramming authority is added in, it represents a 44 percent increase, said the source. What's more, the bill provides historic funding levels for ICE and Customs and Border Protection, a rejection of liberal efforts to kill the agencies. It was a 7 percent budget increase for a combined \$21.5 billion."*

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LIVE at 10 a.m. ET: President @realDonaldTrump will deliver remarks from the Rose Garden on the national security and humanitarian crisis on our southern border.

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Sarah Sanders



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## President Trump's Border Security Victory

*"I will never waver from my sacred duty to defend this nation and its people. We will get the job done." – President Donald J. Trump*

**SECURING OUR BORDER: President Donald J. Trump is following through on his promise to secure the border with legislation and Executive action.**

- President Trump was elected partly on his promise to secure the Southern Border with a barrier and, since his first day in office, he has been following through on that promise.
- As the President has said, sections of the border wall are already being built, and legislation and Executive actions are building on that progress.
- Executive action being taken by the President fills in some of the gaps Congress was not able to tackle through legislation, including increased funding to secure our Southern Border.

**LEGISLATIVE WINS: President Trump secured a number of significant legislative victories in the Homeland Security appropriations bill that further his effort to secure the Southern Border and protect our country.**

- The funding bill contains robust resources and additional provisions to secure the border and strengthen immigration enforcement.
- The bill provides \$1.375 billion for approximately 55 miles of border barrier in highly dangerous and drug smuggling areas in the Rio Grande Valley, where it is desperately needed.
  - More than 40 percent of all border apprehensions occurred in the Rio Grande Valley sector in fiscal year (FY) 2018.
  - The Rio Grande Valley was the border sector with the most known deaths of illegal border crossers in FY 2018.
- \$415 million will go toward addressing the humanitarian crisis at the border by providing medical care, transportation, processing centers, and consumables.
- President Trump successfully rejected efforts by some to undercut Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) ability to uphold our laws and detain illegal aliens, including criminals.
- ICE funding supports nearly 5,000 additional beds to detain illegal aliens and keep criminals off our streets.
- Customs and Border Protection will receive funding for 600 additional officers.
- This bill will help keep deadly drugs out of our communities by increasing drug detection at ports of entry, including opioid detection staffing, labs, and equipment.

**A PROMISE TO ACT: President Trump is taking Executive action to ensure we stop the national security and humanitarian crisis at our Southern Border.**

- President Trump is using his legal authority to take Executive action to secure additional resources, just as he promised. In part, he is declaring a national emergency that makes available additional troops and funding for military construction.
- Including funding in Homeland Security appropriations, the Administration has so far identified up to \$8.1 billion that will be available to build the border wall once a national emergency is declared and additional funds have been reprogrammed, including:
  - About \$601 million from the Treasury Forfeiture Fund
  - Up to \$2.5 billion under the Department of Defense funds transferred for Support for Counterdrug Activities (Title 10 United States Code, section 284)
  - Up to \$3.6 billion reallocated from Department of Defense military construction projects under the President's declaration of a national emergency (Title 10 United States Code, section 2808)
- These funding sources will be used sequentially and as needed.

- The Department of Homeland Security, Department of Defense, and the Army Corps of Engineers are working to create a prioritized list of segments and a work plan for the remainder of FY 2019 and beyond.
  - New projects could include: new levee wall, new and replacement primary pedestrian barrier, new vehicle-to-pedestrian barrier, and new secondary barrier.

**NATIONAL EMERGENCY ON OUR BORDER: The President is using his clear authority to declare a national emergency as allowed under the National Emergencies Act.**

- Since 1976, Presidents have declared nearly 60 national emergencies.
- Most of the previously declared national emergencies have been continually renewed and are still in effect, after being continually renewed.
- Multiple Governors have declared states of emergency along the border in the past.
  - Former Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano, who became President Obama's DHS Secretary, declared a state of emergency along the border in 2005.
  - Former New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson also declared a state of emergency at the border in 2005.
- Former President George W. Bush and former President Obama both directed the use of the military to assist DHS in securing and managing the Southern Border.
- Former President Bush declared a national emergency in 2001 which invoked reprogramming authority granted by Title 10 United States Code, section 2808, and both he and former President Obama used that authority a total of 18 times to fund projects between 2001 and 2014.

**ADDRESSING THE CRISIS AT HAND: President Trump is taking the necessary steps to address the crisis at our Southern Border and stop crime and drugs from flooding into our Nation.**

- Cartels, traffickers, and gangs, like the vile MS-13 gang, have taken advantage of our weak borders for their own gain.
- Immigration officers have made 266,000 arrests of criminal aliens in the last two fiscal years.
  - This includes aliens charged or convicted of nearly 100,000 assaults, 30,000 sex crimes, and 4,000 killings.
- Tons of deadly drugs have flooded across the border and into our communities, taking countless American lives.
  - Methamphetamine, heroin, cocaine and fentanyl all flow across our Southern Border and destroy our communities.
  - More than 70,000 Americans died of drug overdoses in 2017 alone.
- Human traffickers exploit our borders to traffic young girls and women into our country and sell them into prostitution and slavery.
- Massive caravans of migrants view our unsecure border as a way to gain illegal entry into our country and take advantage of our nonsensical immigration loopholes.

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**White House Briefing Call**

- **Date:** Friday, February 15, 2019
- **Time:** 11:30 AM EST
- **Call-In Information:** [RSVP Here](#) (NOTE: Participants will receive instructions on accessing the conference after RSVP'ing)

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## **What You Need To Know | Congressional Democrats' Radical Call to Abolish ICE, Open Our Borders, and Import Crime**

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*Congressional Democrats continue to vilify ICE, choosing to side with crime and open borders over law enforcement professionals*

**NO ICE, NO BORDERS, NO NATION:** Congressional Dems continue their calls to abolish ICE—choosing crime, chaos, and open borders over rule of law and national sovereignty.

- As talks are underway in the Congressional Conference Committee about funding the government, Congressional Democrats are demonizing ICE and calling for gutting its funding.
  - Letter from six House Democrats on funding negotiations: "[ICE and CBP] have promulgated an agenda driven by hate"
  - Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez at a news conference: "They do not deserve a dime."
  - Rep. Ayanna Pressley: "The deal reached by the conference committee should not allocate one more dollar to this department or to the ICE and CBP agencies."
- Congressional Dems are continuing their radical campaign started last year to abolish ICE.
  - Rep. Rashida Tlaib: "ICE is terrorizing our communities with zero accountability. ICE is a recent invention that makes our neighborhoods less safe, vindictively and cruelly tearing families apart. I'm proud to stand with the growing movement to #AbolishICE!"
  - Rep. Ilhan Omar: "Abolish ICE. There is no compromise."
  - Rep. Mark Pocan: "I'm proposing legislation to abolish the agency."

**THE DIRE CONSEQUENCES OF ABOLISHING ICE:** Abolishing ICE Would Mean Abolishing America's Borders— and Opening the Floodgates to Crime, Drugs, and Terrorism.

- Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is the sole entity responsible for enforcing immigration laws and removing aliens from within the United States.
- Abolishing ICE would immunize criminal aliens, drug dealers, gang members, rapists, child molesters, and all illegal aliens inside the United States from removal.
- Abolishing ICE would mean anyone, who illegally makes it across the border, is released from detention, or overstays their visa, would get to remain indefinitely in the United States.
- Abolishing ICE would eliminate all protections in U.S. immigration law for American workers by allowing illegal aliens to take jobs from both American citizens and legal immigrants with impunity, and to collect federal welfare at taxpayer expense.
- Calls to abolish ICE are an insult to these heroic and dedicated federal law enforcement officers who make sacrifices every day to enforce our laws and protect our safety and security.

**REMOVING CRIMINALS:** Abolishing ICE would allow dangerous criminal aliens—including members of the murderous gang MS-13—to remain in American communities and inflict enormous harm on innocent American men, women and children.

- Below are just a few of the law enforcement actions that Congressional Democrats apparently deem to be evil and unnecessary:
  - 138,117 arrests of aliens with criminal convictions or pending charges in FY 2018.
  - 168,058 removals of aliens with criminal convictions or pending charges in FY 2018.
  - 5,872 known or suspected gang members removed in FY 2018.
  - 981,586 pounds of narcotics seized by ICE Homeland Security Investigations in FY 2017, including 2,370 pounds of fentanyl and 6,967 pounds of heroin.
  - 904 child exploitation victims and 518 human trafficking victims rescued or identified in FY 2017.
- Abolishing ICE would eliminate immigration enforcement, devastate the concept of law and order, and erase our national sovereignty.
  - ICE enforcement and removal operations conducted 256,085 removals of illegal aliens in FY 2018 alone.
- Now, there are reports that the Congressional Conference Committee is considering putting a cap on ICE's detention capacity, which would cripple their ability to detain criminal aliens.
  - This is an outrageous backdoor attempt to defund ICE and prevent it from doing its job.
- This cap would force ICE to release thousands of illegal aliens from its custody and restrict it from detaining those it encounters in the future.
  - If forced to follow the reported 16,500 cap for the rest of the fiscal year, ICE would have to reduce the number of aliens being detained by more than 9,000.
  - Over 90% of ICE's arrests are of aliens who have been previously convicted of a crime, arrested, or removed from the country.
  - Many of the aliens released from custody fail to ever show up to their court hearing.

**WHAT THEY ARE PROPOSING:** These are some of the violent criminal aliens that Congressional Democrats' plan would let remain in our country.

- This week, in Rep. Ocasio-Cortez' district, an MS-13 member in the country illegally brazenly murdered a rival gang member on a public subway platform.
- Last week, an illegal immigrant in Nevada was charged with murdering four innocent Americans in their own homes, including a couple in their 80s.
- In December, an illegal immigrant was arrested and charged for the murder of California police corporal Ronil Singh, an immigrant who came to the U.S. legally.
- Last year, an illegal alien was convicted for sexually assaulting and brutally murdering a 64-year woman in California in 2015.

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**PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP IS TAKING ACTION ON DRUG ADDICTION AND THE OPIOID  
CRISIS**

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary  
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October 26, 2017

*"The best way to prevent drug addiction and overdose is to prevent people from abusing drugs in the first place. If they don't start, they won't have a problem." – President Donald J. Trump*

**DRUG ADDICTION AND OPIOIDS ARE RAVAGING AMERICA: Hundreds of thousands of Americans have lost their lives to drug abuse, and it will only get worse unless action is taken.**

- In 2016, more than two million Americans had an addiction to prescription or illicit opioids.
- Since 2000, over 300,000 Americans have died from overdoses involving opioids.
- Drug overdoses are now the leading cause of injury death in the United States, outnumbering both traffic crashes and gun-related deaths.
- In 2015, there were 52,404 drug overdose deaths – 33,091 of those deaths, almost two-thirds, involved the use of opioids.
- According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics, the national age-adjusted rate of opioid overdose deaths in 2015 was 10.4 deaths per 100,000 Americans.
- The situation has only gotten worse, with drug overdose deaths in 2016 expected to exceed 64,000.
- This represents a rate of 175 deaths a day.
- This exceeds the number of Americans killed during the Vietnam War.

- The rise in overdose deaths is largely due to the proliferation of illicitly made fentanyl, a highly potent synthetic opioid, and fentanyl analogs.
- In 2016, more than 11.5 million Americans ages 12 and older reported misuse of prescription opioids in the past year, and nearly 950,000 Americans reported heroin use in the past year.
- In 2014, the number of babies born drug-dependent had increased by 500 percent since 2000, and children being placed in foster care due in part to parental drug abuse is going up — now it is almost a third of all child removals.

**A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY:** President Donald J. Trump is mobilizing his entire Administration to address drug addiction and opioid abuse by directing the declaration of a Nationwide Public Health Emergency to address the opioids crisis.

- The action allows for expanded access to telemedicine services, including services involving remote prescribing of medicine commonly used for substance abuse or mental health treatment.
- The action helps overcome bureaucratic delays and inefficiencies in the hiring process, by allowing the Department of Health and Human Services to more quickly make temporary appointments of specialists with the tools and talent needed to respond effectively to our Nation's ongoing public health emergency.
- The actions allows the Department of Labor to issue dislocated worker grants to help workers who have been displaced from the workforce because of the opioid crisis, subject to available funding.
- The action allows for shifting of resources within HIV/AIDS programs to help people eligible for those programs receive substance abuse treatment, which is important given the connection between HIV transmission and substance abuse.

**THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION IS FIGHTING BACK:** The Trump White House has moved quickly to address the drug addiction and opioid crisis, with the President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis leading the way.

- In March 2017, President Trump established the President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis, with the following stated mission: "to study the scope and effectiveness of the Federal response to drug addiction and the opioid crisis and to make recommendations to the President for improving that response."
- President Trump eagerly awaits the Commission's final report so that he can review their findings and recommendations.
- Since President Trump took office, more than \$1 billion in funding has been allocated or spent directly addressing the drug addiction and opioid crisis.
- Since April, more than \$800 million has been distributed for prevention, treatment, first responders, prescription drug monitoring programs, recovery and other care in communities, inpatient settings, and correctional systems.
- Since the President took office, \$254 million in funding for high-risk communities, law enforcement, and first responder coordination and work has been awarded.
- The CDC has launched the Prescription Awareness Campaign, a multimedia awareness campaign featuring the real-life stories of people who have lost loved ones to prescription opioid overdose and people in recovery.
- The Food and Drug Administration is imposing new requirements on the manufacturers of prescription opioids to help reverse the overprescribing that has fueled the crisis.

- The Department of Justice's Opioid Fraud and Abuse Detection Unit is targeting individuals that are contributing to the prescription opioid epidemic, has netted the largest-ever health care fraud takedown, secured the first-ever indictments against Chinese fentanyl manufacturers, and seized AlphaBay, the largest criminal marketplace on the Internet and a major source of fentanyl and heroin.
- The State Department has secured a binding UN agreement making it harder for criminals to access fentanyl precursors ANPP and NPP.
- The National Institutes of Health has initiated discussions with the pharmaceutical industry to establish a partnership to investigate non-addictive pain relievers and new addiction and overdose treatments, as well as a potential vaccine for addiction.
- The Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs, National Institutes of Health, and Department of Health and Human Services are collaborating on a six-year, \$81 million joint research partnership focusing on nondrug approaches to managing pain in order to address the needs of service members and veterans.

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For Immediate Release

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REMARKS BY FIRST LADY MELANIA TRUMP  
ON COMBATTING DRUG DEMAND AND THE OPIOID CRISIS

East Room

2:21 P.M. EDT

MRS. TRUMP: Thank you all for being here today. It touches my heart to see the many familiar faces of the people I have been lucky to get to know over the last few months. Thank you for the time and strength it takes for each of you to tell your stories.

We are here today because of your courage. The opioid epidemic has affected more than 2 million Americans nationwide, and sadly, the number continues to rise. We lose more than 175 Americans to overdoses every day, and millions more are struggling with addiction.

As many of you know, addiction affects children in many different ways. And I have recently taken a larger interest in what I can do to help fight this epidemic. (Applause.)

I have been participating in meetings and listening sessions, and I have been visiting with people who have been affected by this disease. I want to take a moment now to tell you what I have learned from the men and women on the front lines of this epidemic.

Don Holman talked to me about his son Garrett, who took medication for ADHD and suffered from depression and anxiety. He explained that social media played a part in his son's erratic moods and behaviors. Garrett started to buy synthetic opioids online, and self-medicated for his depression, passing away from an overdose just eight days before his 21st birthday.

Don Holman taught me that the stigma of drug addiction must be normalized, and talking about it is the only way to do that.

Coach David McKee talked about his friend who became addicted after his pain medication was prescribed for a sports injury. His friend died from an overdose, and through his tragic loss, Coach McKee taught me how important is it to educate kids, athletes, and parents, because his friend was not weak-minded. In fact, like so many of our kids today, he was competitive and strong-willed.

Sabrah Jean Collar, who is now in her 10th year of recovery, helped me learn that drug addiction is an affective disease. But with the proper support and medical attention, a person can move on to live a healthy and happy life.

We are so proud of you for all that you have overcome, Sabrah, and pray for you as you continue on this journey. Where you are, Sabrah? Hello. Thank you. (Applause.)

When I had the honor of visiting Lily's Place in West Virginia, a recovery center for infants born addicted to drugs, I learned that to help babies succeed, we must help their parents succeed. By placing a priority of the whole family, Lily's Place is giving infants the best opportunity to thrive, because their parents are being given the support and tools they need to succeed.

I want to thank Rebecca Crowder and the staff at Lily's Place for their heroic efforts. Thank you. (Applause.)

I have learned so much from those brave enough to talk about this epidemic, and I know there are many more stories to tell. But what I found to be the common theme with all of these stories is that this can happen to any of us. Drug addiction can take your friends, neighbors, or your family. No state has been spared and no demographic has been untouched, which is why my husband and his administration has dedicated itself to combatting this health crisis by using every resource available.

I'm so proud to support him today as he see this commitment through. I look forward to continue my work on behalf of children across the country, and hope that citizens everywhere will join forces with this administration to help end this health crisis.

Thank you very much for being here with us today. God bless you all, and God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

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REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRUMP  
ON COMBATTING DRUG DEMAND AND THE OPIOID CRISIS

East Room

2:26 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Melania, for your moving words and for your devotion -- it's a very deep devotion, I can tell you that -- to our nation and its children.

Thank you also to members of Congress, my Cabinet, governors, members of Congress, state, local leaders, first responders, and healthcare professionals gathered here today. We have some truly incredible people in this room -- that I can tell you.

Most importantly, we acknowledge the families present who have lost a cherished loved one. As you all know from personal experience, families, communities, and citizens across our country are currently dealing with the worst drug crisis in American history and even, if you really think about it, world history. This is all throughout the world. The fact is this is a worldwide problem.

This crisis of drug use, addiction, and overdose deaths in many years, it's just been so long in the making. Addressing it will require all of our effort and it will require us to confront the crisis in all of its very real complexity.

Last year, we lost at least 64,000 Americans to overdoses. That's 175 lost American lives per day. That's seven lost lives per hour in our country. Drug overdoses are now the leading cause of unintentional death in the United States by far.

More people are dying from drug overdoses today than from gun homicides and motor vehicles combined. Think of it -- motor vehicle crashes, gun homicides, more people by far from drug overdoses.

These overdoses are driven by a massive increase in addiction to prescription painkillers, heroin, and other opioids. Last year, almost 1 million Americans used heroin, and more than 11 million abused

prescription opioids. The United States is by far the largest consumer of these drugs, using more opioid pills per person than any other country by far in the world. Opioid overdose deaths have quadrupled since 1999 and now account for the majority of fatal drug overdoses. Who would have thought?

No part of our society -- not young or old, rich or poor, urban or rural -- has been spared this plague of drug addiction and this horrible, horrible situation that's taken place with opioids.

In West Virginia -- a truly great state, great people -- there is a hospital nursery where one in every five babies spends its first days in agony. Because these precious babies were exposed to opioids or other drugs in the womb, they endure nausea, pain, anxiety, sleeplessness, and trouble eating, just the same as adults undergoing detox.

Some of these children will likely lose one or both of their parents to drug addiction and overdose. They will join the growing ranks of America's opioid orphans. Such beautiful, beautiful babies.

Beyond the shocking death toll, the terrible measure of the opioid crisis includes the families ripped apart and, for many communities, a generation of lost potential and opportunity.

This epidemic is a national health emergency, unlike many of us we've seen and what we've seen in our lifetimes. Nobody has seen anything like what's going on now.

As Americans, we cannot allow this to continue. It is time to liberate our communities from this scourge of drug addiction. Never been this way. We can be the generation that ends the opioid epidemic. We can do it. (Applause.) We can do it.

That is why, effective today, my administration is officially declaring the opioid crisis a national public health emergency under federal law, and why I am directing all executive agencies to use every appropriate emergency authority to fight the opioid crisis. This marks a critical step in confronting the extraordinary challenge that we face.

As part of this emergency response, we will announce a new policy to overcome a restrictive 1970s-era rule that prevents states from providing care at certain treatment facilities with more than 16 beds for those suffering from drug addiction. (Applause.)

A number of states have reached out to us asking for relief, and you should expect to see approvals that will unlock treatment for people in need. And those approvals will come very, very fast. Not like in the past -- very, very quickly.

Ending the epidemic will require mobilization of government, local communities, and private organizations. It will require the resolve of our entire country.

The scale of this crisis of addiction is why, soon after coming into office, I convened a presidential commission, headed by Governor Chris

Christie, that has consulted with experts across America to listen, to learn, and report back on potential solutions.

We await the final report, which will come in next week. And I know some of the report has already been seen, because I want to see it as quickly as possible. And some of the things that they are recommending are common sense, but very, very important. And they're going to have a tremendous impact, believe me -- tremendous impact.

Today, I will detail many of these aggressive steps with my administration, which we've already taken. After we review and evaluate the commission's findings, I will quickly move to implement approximate and appropriate recommendations.

But I want the American people to know: The federal government is aggressively fighting the opioid epidemic on all fronts. We're working with doctors and medical professionals to implement best practices for safe opioid prescribing, and we will do something very, very special. We are requiring federally employed prescribers to receive, finally, special training.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has launched a prescription awareness campaign to put faces on the danger of opioid abuse.

I want to acknowledge CVS Caremark for announcing last month that it will limit certain first-time opioid prescriptions to seven-day supplies, among other important reforms. And I encourage other companies to do their part to help to stop this epidemic. (Applause.)

The FDA is now requiring drug companies that manufacture prescription opioids to provide more training to prescribers and to help prevent abuse and addiction, and has requested that one especially high-risk opioid be withdrawn from the market immediately. We are requiring that a specific opioid, which is truly evil, be taken off the market immediately. (Applause.)

The U.S. Postal Service and the Department of Homeland Security are strengthening the inspection of packages coming into our country to hold back the flood of cheap and deadly fentanyl, a synthetic opioid manufactured in China and 50 times stronger than heroin.

And in two weeks, I will be in China with President Xi, and I will mention this as a top priority. (Applause.) And he will do something about it.

I am also pleased to report that for the first time, the Department of Justice has ~~indicated~~ [indicted] major Chinese drug traffickers for distributing -- and they have really put very, very strong clamps on them. They've indicted them, the drug traffickers, for distributing fentanyl in the United States. So, Jeff, thank you very much. Good job. (Applause.)

And they've been indicted and we're not going to forget about them, believe me. They are doing tremendous harm to our country. The Justice Department is aggressively and, really, valiantly pursuing those who

illegally prescribe and traffic in opioids, both in our communities and on the Internet.

And I will be looking at the potential of the federal government bringing major lawsuits against bad actors. What they have and what they're doing to our people is unheard of. We will be bringing some very major lawsuits against people and against companies that are hurting our people. And that will start taking place pretty soon. (Applause.)

We're also supporting first responders' and medical professionals' access to the tools they need to prevent deaths through life-saving overdose medications.

At my direction, the National Institute of Health, headed up by Francis Collins, has taken the first steps of an ambitious public-private partnership with pharmaceutical companies to develop non-addictive painkillers and new treatments for addiction and overdose. So important. (Applause.)

I will be pushing the concept of non-addictive painkillers very, very hard. We have to come up with that solution. We give away billions and billions of dollars a year, and we're going to be spending lots of money on coming up with a non-addictive solution.

We will be asking Dr. Collins and the NIH for substantial resources in the fight against drug addiction. One of the things our administration will be doing is a massive advertising campaign to get people, especially children, not to want to take drugs in the first place because they will see the devastation and the ruination it causes to people and people's lives.

Watch what happens, if we do our jobs, how the number of drug users and the addicted will start to tumble downward over a period of years. It will be a beautiful thing to see.

I learned, myself -- I had a brother, Fred -- great guy, best-looking guy, best personality -- much better than mine. (Laughter.) But he had a problem. He had a problem with alcohol, and he would tell me, "Don't drink. Don't drink." He was substantially older, and I listened to him and I respected, but he would constantly tell me, don't drink. He'd also add, don't smoke. But he would say it over and over and over again.

And to this day, I've never had a drink. And I have no longing for it. I have no interest in it. To this day, I've never had a cigarette. Don't worry, those are only two of my good things. I don't want to tell you about the bad things. (Laughter.) There's plenty of bad things too.

But he really helped me. I had somebody that guided me, and he had a very, very, very tough life because of alcohol -- believe me, very, very tough, tough life. He was a strong guy, but it was a tough, tough thing that he was going through. But I learned because of Fred. I learned.

And that's what I think is so important. This was an idea that I had, where if we can teach young people not to take drugs -- just not to

take them. When I see friends of mine that are having difficulty with not having that drink at dinner, where it's literally almost impossible for them to stop, I say to myself, I can't even understand it -- why would that be difficult? But we understand why it is difficult.

The fact is, if we can teach young people -- and people, generally -- not to start, it's really, really easy not to take them. And I think that's going to end up being our most important thing. Really tough, really big, really great advertising, so we get to people before they start, so they don't have to go through the problems of what people are going through. (Applause.) Thank you.

We are already distributing nearly \$1 billion in grants for addiction prevention and treatment, and over \$50 million dollars to support law enforcement programs that assist those facing prison and facing addiction.

We have also launched an \$81 million partnership to research better pain management techniques for our incredible veterans. And soon -- (applause) -- and, by the way, Secretary Shulkin is here. You have done an incredible job for our veterans in a very short period of time. (Applause.) And soon, HHS will launch a taskforce to develop and update best practices for pain management across the federal government.

I am urging all Americans to help fight this opioid epidemic and the broader issue of drug addiction by participating in the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day this Saturday. When you can safely turn in these dangerous and horrible drugs for disposal, that will be a wonderful, wonderful period of time for you.

All of these actions are important parts of my administration's larger effort to confront the drug addiction crisis in America and confront it head on, straight on -- strong. We're going to do it. We're going to do it.

For too long, we have allowed drugs to ravage American homes, cities, and towns. We owe it to our children and our country to do everything in our power to address this national shame and this human tragedy.

We must stop the flow of all types of illegal drugs into our communities. (Applause.) For too long, dangerous criminal cartels have been allowed to infiltrate and spread throughout our nation. An astonishing 90 percent of the heroin in America comes from south of the border, where we will be building a wall which will greatly help in this problem. (Applause.) It will have a great impact. My administration is dedicated to enforcing our immigration laws, defending our maritime security, and securing our borders.

We also have to work with other countries to stop these drugs where they originate. We have no choice. We have to work with others, we have to get together, because they have similar problems to what we have. Some countries have bigger problems than we have. Whether that country is

China, whether it's a country in Latin America, it makes no difference. We're going to be working with all of them. We're taking the fight directly to the criminals in places that they're producing this poison.

Here in America, we are once again enforcing the law; breaking up gangs and distribution networks; and arresting criminals who peddle dangerous drugs to our youth.

In addition, we understand the need to confront reality, right smack in the face, that millions of our fellow citizens are already addicted. That's the reality. We want them to get the help they need. We have no choice but to help these people that are hooked and are suffering so they can recover and rebuild their lives with their families.

We're committed to pursuing innovative approaches that have been proven to work, like drug courts. Our efforts will be based on sound metrics, and guided by evidence and guided by results. This includes making addiction treatment available to those in prison and to help them eventually reenter society as productive and law-abiding citizens.

Finally, we must adopt the most common-sense solution of all: to prevent our citizens from becoming addicted to drugs in the first place. (Applause.)

We must and are focusing so much of our effort on drug demand reduction. We must confront the culture of drug abuse head-on to reduce demand for dangerous narcotics. Every person who buys illicit drugs here in America should know that they are risking their futures, their families, and even their lives. And every American should know that if they purchase illegal drugs, they are helping to finance some of the most violent, cruel, and ruthless organizations anywhere in the world. Illegal drug use is not a victimless crime. There is nothing admirable, positive, or socially desirable about it. There is nothing desirable about drugs. They're bad.

We want the next generation of young Americans to know the blessings of a drug-free life. In this enormous struggle against drug addiction, an opioid epidemic -- it really is that; it is an epidemic -- our greatest hope is the same as it has always been. Through every trial America has encountered throughout our history, the spirit of our people and the strength of our character, we win. Each of us has a responsibility to this effort. We have a total responsibility to ourselves, to our family, to our country, including those who are struggling with this addiction.

Each of us is responsible to look out for our loved ones, our communities, our children, our neighbors, and our own health. Almost every American has witnessed the horrors of addiction. Whether it's through their own struggle or through the struggle of a friend, a coworker, a neighbor or, frankly, a family member, our current addiction crisis, and especially the epidemic of opioid deaths, will get worse before it gets better. But get better it will. It will take many years

and even decades to address this scourge in our society, but we must start in earnest now to combat national health emergency.

We are inspired by the stories of everyday heroes who pull their communities from the depths of despair through leadership and through love.

Fire Chief Dan Goonan, of New Hampshire -- great state -- runs a program, Safe Station, which allows drug-dependent residents to seek help at fire stations at any time.

Jesse and Cyndi Swafford of Dayton, Ohio have provided a loving, stable home to children affected by the opioid crisis.

I am calling on every American to join the ranks of guardian angels like Chief Goonan and the Swaffords, who help lift up the people of our great nation.

Together, we will care for our citizens, our children, and our orphans and our -- and you know what I'm going to say -- our foster youth. So many. So many. But we're going to lift them up, and we're going to take care of them. We will work to strengthen vulnerable families and communities, and we will help to build and grow a stronger, healthier, and drug-free society.

Together, we will face this challenge as a national family with conviction, with unity, and with a commitment to love and support our neighbors in times of dire need.

Working together, we will defeat this opioid epidemic. It will be defeated. We will free our nation from the terrible affliction of drug abuse. And, yes, we will overcome addiction in America. We are going to overcome addiction in America.

We have fought and won many battles and many wars before, and we will win again.

Thank you. God bless you. And God Bless America. Thank you. (Applause.)

Thank you. Here we go. This is very important: "Combatting the National Drug Demand and Opioid Crisis." Right? So important. We will win, right?

(The presidential memorandum is signed.) (Applause.)

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P.M. EDT

## **Lumpp, Rachelle**

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**From:** Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO <Douglas.L.Hoelscher@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 15, 2019 3:54 PM  
**To:** Bailey, Michael; Lumpp, Rachelle; Sciarrotta, Joseph  
**Cc:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** 21 AGs Support Barr  
**Attachments:** 1.15.19 Barr Support Letter\_21 states.pdf

Hi Michael, Rachelle and Joseph,

Wanted to see if I could steal a few minutes of your time to discuss attached? My cell is 202-

Sincerely,  
Doug Hoelscher  
Deputy Assistant to the President &  
Director, White House Intergovernmental Affairs



Jeff Landry  
Attorney General

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January 15, 2019

Committee on the Judiciary  
Room 224  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

*Sent via e-mail: Michael\_perkins@judiciary-rep.senate.gov*

Re: Attorney Generals support for the confirmation of William P. Barr

Dear Senators:

We write to encourage confirmation of William P. Barr as U.S. Attorney General. We believe him to be eminently qualified for numerous reasons, not least of which is that he served as Attorney General with distinction from 1991 to 1993. He received strong bipartisan accolades during the confirmation process and the unanimous support of the Senate.

Mr. Barr has a broad base of experience in public service and the private sector. His work has honed the skillsets necessary to tackle effectively the array of issues under the purview of the U.S. Department of Justice. He knows the agency, its responsibilities, and its impact in the lives of Americans. In short, he is a demonstrated leader, able to inspire others and bring out the best in those with whom he serves.

In reviewing Mr. Barr's extensive record of service and achievement, it is clear to us that he exemplifies two of the most crucial traits Americans look for in an Attorney General: independence and a commitment to the even-handed application of the law. His record shows he is willing to recognize limits to executive branch authority when his legal analysis concludes thusly. Just as Mr. Barr's stance on the separation of powers doctrine gives reassurance to us as state officials, so too ought it give reassurance to you as members of the federal legislative branch.

As state Attorneys General, upholding the rule of law and protecting public safety in our communities requires regular collaboration with the U.S. Department of Justice and Office of the Attorney General. Mr. Barr has shown extraordinary interest in working with state legal and law enforcement agencies to combat violent crime and other threats to Americans. His actions show he views us as partners in public safety, knowing that we are more effective when we work together.

Mr. Barr has served his country with dedication and distinction, and we believe he will do so again as U.S. Attorney General. We urge your support for his nomination.

Sincerely,



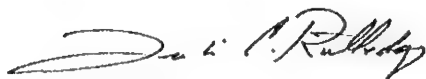
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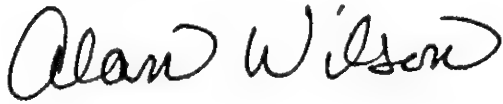
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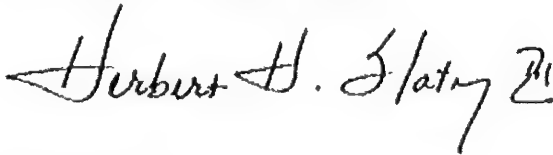
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**From:** Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO <Douglas.L.Hoelscher@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 27, 2018 1:49 PM  
**To:** Pottebaum, Nic D. EOP/WHO; Lagomarsino, Katie R. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** Statement on Justice Anthony M. Kennedy

Hi State Leaders,

We thought you would find the below statement of interest.

Sincerely,

Doug Hoelscher

Deputy Assistant to the President &

Director, White House Intergovernmental Affairs

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
June 27, 2018

**Statement on Justice Anthony M. Kennedy**

Today, we thank Justice Anthony M. Kennedy for his thirty years of distinguished service on the Supreme Court of the United States. In 1987, President Reagan nominated him to the Court, and he was swiftly confirmed without opposition. A Californian—like the President who appointed him—Justice Kennedy is a true man of letters. During his tenure on the Court, he authored landmark opinions in every significant area of constitutional law, most notably on equal protection under the law, the separation of powers, and the First Amendment's guarantees of freedom of speech and religion.

Justice Kennedy has been a tireless voice for individual rights and the Founders' enduring vision of limited government. His words have left an indelible mark not only on this generation, but on the fabric of American history.

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**From:** Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO <Douglas.L.Hoelscher@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 14, 2017 7:59 AM  
**To:** Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** Gray, Christopher S. EOP/WHO; Miller, Adelaide E. EOP/WHO; Anderson, Jessica C. EOP/OMB; Deere, Judd P. EOP/WHO; Kirkland, William H. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** TIME CHANGE -- DEREGULATION BRIEFING CALL - Thursday, Dec. 14 -- Now at 3:30 pm ET

Hi all,

Please see time update per below:

### UPDATE:

This call has been changed to 3:30pm TODAY, December 14. The dial-in information should still work below.

Best,  
Kelly

**DIAL-IN:** A participant may register for the conference at <http://ems6.intellor.com?do=register&t=2&p=601805> after which s/he will receive an email containing dial-in numbers and a personalized access code.

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**From:** Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 13, 2017 4:38 PM  
**To:** Doug Hoelscher ([Douglas.L.Hoelscher@who.eop.gov](mailto:Douglas.L.Hoelscher@who.eop.gov)) <[Douglas.L.Hoelscher@who.eop.gov](mailto:Douglas.L.Hoelscher@who.eop.gov)>  
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**Subject:** DEREGULATION BRIEFING CALL - Thursday, Dec. 14 at 4:15pm ET

Hi all,

Tomorrow, December 14, the White House will unveil its Unified Agenda (embargoed until officially announced) - basically a summation of the deregulation efforts the Administration has taken thus far.

We are excited about the announcement, as deregulation coupled with tax reform, will stimulate economic growth and fuel our economy. The President ran on these two items, and is committed to seeing them through. The Trump Administration is cutting regulation at a pace never seen before in the history of our country.

The dial-in information for this call is below. Please note, this information is non-transferrable and due to call limitations we respectfully ask that you do not forward this email further. If someone is going to dial-in in your stead, it must first be discussed with me.

**WHAT: Deregulation Call with Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs Administrator Neomi Rao**

**WHEN: Thursday, December 14 at 4:15 PM ET**

**DIAL-IN: A participant may register for the conference at <http://ems6.intellor.com?do=register&t=2&p=601805> after which s/he will receive an email containing dial-in numbers and a personalized access code.**

Sincerely,  
Doug Hoelscher  
Special Assistant to the President &  
Deputy Director, White House Intergovernmental Affairs  
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**From:** Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO <Douglas.L.Hoelscher@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 16, 2017 7:55 AM  
**To:** Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** Gray, Christopher S. EOP/WHO; Miller, Adelaide E. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** Sue & Settle Policy Change -- Embargoed Until 11:30 am EDT

Hi all,

We wanted to share below with you on an embargoed basis (until 11:30 am EDT).

Sincerely,  
Doug

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Good Morning!

Please see below an embargoed announcement (until 11:30 AM) for today regarding a signed directive from Administrator Pruitt to the agency to end the previous Administration's practice of so-called "Sue & Settle." Let me know if you have any questions and please flag any statements your office may release on this matter.

-Tate

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## **ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT ISSUES DIRECTIVE TO END EPA "SUE & SETTLE"**

**"The days of regulation through litigation are over," – EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt**

WASHINGTON – In fulfilling his promise to end the practice of regulation through litigation that has harmed the American public, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt issued an Agency-wide directive today designed to end "sue and settle" practices within the Agency, providing an unprecedented level of public participation and transparency in EPA consent decrees and settlement agreements.

"The days of regulation through litigation are over," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. "We will no longer go behind closed doors and use consent decrees and settlement agreements to resolve lawsuits filed against the Agency by special interest groups where doing so would circumvent the regulatory process set forth by Congress. Additionally, gone are the days of routinely paying tens of thousands of dollars in attorney's fees to these groups with which we swiftly settle."

Over the years, outside the regulatory process, special interest groups have used lawsuits that seek to force federal agencies – especially EPA – to issue regulations that advance their interests and priorities, on their specified timeframe. EPA gets sued by an outside party that is asking the court to compel the Agency to take certain steps, either

through change in a statutory duty or enforcing timelines set by the law, and then EPA will acquiesce through a consent decree or settlement agreement, affecting the Agency's obligations under the statute.

More specifically, EPA either commits to taking an action that is not a mandatory requirement under its governing statutes or agrees to a specific, unreasonable timeline to act. Oftentimes, these agreements are reached with little to no public input or transparency. That is regulation through litigation, and it is inconsistent with the authority that Congress has granted and the responsibility to operate in an open and fair manner.

"Sue and settle" cases establish Agency obligations without participation by states and/or the regulated community; foreclose meaningful public participation in rulemaking; effectively force the Agency to reach certain regulatory outcomes; and, cost the American taxpayer millions of dollars.

**With today's directive, Administrator Pruitt is ensuring the Agency increase transparency, improve public engagement, and provide accountability to the American public when considering a settlement agreement or consent decree by:**

1. Publishing any notices of intent to sue the Agency within 15 days of receiving the notice;
2. Publishing any complaints or petitions for review in regard to an environmental law, regulation, or rule in which the Agency is a defendant or respondent in federal court within 15 days of receipt;
3. Reaching out to and including any states and/or regulated entities affected by potential settlements or consent decrees;
4. Publishing a list of consent decrees and settlement agreements that govern Agency actions within 30 days, along with any attorney fees paid, and update it within 15 days of any new consent decree or settlement agreement;
5. Expressly forbidding the practice of entering into any consent decrees that exceed the authority of the courts;
6. Excluding attorney's fees and litigation costs when settling with those suing the Agency;
7. Providing sufficient time to issue or modify proposed and final rules, take and consider public comment; and
8. Publishing any proposed or modified consent decrees and settlements for 30-day public comment, and providing a public hearing on a proposed consent decree or settlement when requested.

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**From:** Horning, Daniel M. EOP/WHO <Daniel.M.Horning@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 11, 2018 10:43 AM  
**To:** Horning, Daniel M. EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** Pottebaum, Nic D. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** RE: INVITATION: 10/11 White House Conference Call with Larry Kudlow on Arizona Economy

Arizona leaders,

**Reminder:** don't forget to RSVP for today's Conference Call on Arizona's Economy with Larry Kudlow. It will begin at 2:00pm MST (4:00pm EST).

You can RSVP for the call by clicking here.

Thanks,  
Dan

**From:** Horning, Daniel M. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018 2:12 PM  
**To:** Horning, Daniel M. EOP/WHO <Daniel.M.Horning@who.eop.gov>  
**Cc:** Pottebaum, Nic D. EOP/WHO <Nicholas.D.Pottebaum@who.eop.gov>  
**Subject:** INVITATION: 10/11 White House Conference Call with Larry Kudlow on Arizona Economy



Good afternoon,

Please join Larry Kudlow, Director of the White House National Economic Council, for a conference call on **Thursday October 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm EST (2:00pm MST)**. Director Kudlow and CEA Chairman Kevin Hassett will discuss how President Trump's economic policies are delivering for Arizona's workers, families and employers.

To receive the call-in details, please register using this RSVP link: <http://ems9.intellor.com?do=register&t=1&p=900337>

Sincerely,  
Dan Horning

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**From:** Lagomarsino, Katie R. EOP/WHO <Katie.R.Lagomarsino@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 31, 2018 9:51 AM  
**To:** Lagomarsino, Katie R. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** Statements on Supreme Court Nominee Judge Kavanaugh  
**Attachments:** SCOTUS Statements.pdf

Dear State and Local Leaders,

Below you will find statements from State and local leaders supporting Judge Brett Kavanaugh's nomination by President Trump to the United States Supreme Court. We are heartened to see such a strong show of support for the President's nominee – a demonstration of Judge Kavanaugh's strong credentials and reputation as a jurist. If you distributed a statement or op-ed that we missed or are scheduled to send one out in the near future, please send our way.



### Governors

**Governor Kay Ivey (R, AL):** "I applaud President Trump for his nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh clearly understands the proper role of a judge is to interpret the law as it is written and apply the law impartially." July 9, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Asa Hutchinson (R, AR):** "I like President Trump's nomination of Brett Kavanaugh for the Supreme Court. He is highly qualified & has demonstrated his dedication to the rule of law through his service on the DC Circuit. I am hopeful for his timely confirmation." July 9, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Doug Ducey (R, AZ):** "I want to offer my congratulations to Judge Brett Kavanaugh for being nominated by @realdonaldtrump to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. We're counting on Judge Kavanaugh to get a fair and speedy hearing by the U.S. Senate." July 9, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Rick Scott (R, FL):** "I am glad President Trump nominated Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court and look forward to learning more about his record." July 9, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Eddie Baza Calvo (R, GU):** "On behalf of the people of Guam, Lt. Governor Ray Tenorio and I support President Donald J. Trump's nomination of federal Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh's experience and success in his duties make him a prime candidate for this prestigious position on the Supreme Court. We look forward to his approval by Congress and wish him the best during his nomination process." July 9, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Kim Reynolds (R, IA):** "A great pick by @POTUS @realDonaldTrump. Judge Kavanaugh is a highly respected jurist who will apply laws as written, not as he would write them. A great day for America, for our constitutional tradition & for the rule of law." July 9, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter (R, ID):** "In Judge Kavanaugh, President Trump has a SCOTUS nominee committed to upholding the Constitution, federalism, the rule of law and the proper role of government." July 10, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Bruce Rauner (R, IL):** "Our nation deserves a justice who is qualified, experienced, and will faithfully interpret and defend the Constitution. Judge Brett Kavanaugh has impressive credentials and he deserves a fair hearing and swift vote on his nomination." July 9, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Eric Holcomb (R, IN):** "Congratulations to Judge Brett Kavanaugh for his nomination to the #SCOTUS. The President has nominated a strong candidate who will uphold the Constitution & be a great addition to the court." July 9, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Jeff Colyer (R, KS):** "I could not be more thrilled that President Trump has selected Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve on the Supreme Court. For the first time in a long time we will have a majority of constitutional conservatives on the Supreme Court, who will defend liberty and adhere to the constitution as written. The Senate should move quickly to confirm Judge Kavanaugh to fill Justice Kennedy's seat." July 9, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Paul LePage (R, ME):** "Thank you @realDonaldTrump for your thoughtful appointment of Brett Kavanaugh to @Scotus to replace Justice Kennedy." July 9, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Mike Parson (R, MO):** "Thanks to @realDonaldTrump, America is one step closer to a Supreme Court that reflects our values. The senate should move swiftly to confirm Judge Kavanaugh." July 9, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Phil Bryant (R, MS):** "Judge Brett Kavanaugh is committed to the rule of law and will uphold the Constitution. @realDonaldTrump made an outstanding selection who deserves swift confirmation by the Senate." July 9, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Doug Burgum (R, ND):** "In Judge Brett Kavanaugh, @POTUS has nominated an eminently qualified, highly respected jurist who will fairly and faithfully interpret the law and Constitution as written. Here's hoping for a speedy Senate confirmation process." July 9, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Pete Ricketts (R, NE):** "Thank you to @POTUS for nominating Judge Kavanaugh — a jurist with a proven record of respecting the Constitution." July 9, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Henry McMaster (R, SC):** "I have no doubt that Judge Brett Kavanaugh will make an outstanding Justice of the Supreme Court and will strictly defend the rule of law. President Trump promised to nominate conservative judges who will strictly follow the Constitution and exercise restraint rather than activism, and once again he has done just that. Democrats in the Senate should do what is right for the country and join their Republican colleagues in confirming Judge Kavanaugh before the Supreme Court." July 9, 2018. [Tweet 1](#), [Tweet 2](#), [Tweet 3](#)

**Governor Bill Haslam (R, TN):** "Judge Brett Kavanaugh is an exceptional choice by President Donald Trump for the Supreme Court, and if confirmed, will uphold the Constitution and defend the rule of law. Judge Kavanaugh is uniquely qualified to serve on the Supreme Court, and his record shows that he will apply the law as written and enforce the original understanding of the Constitution. We congratulate Judge Kavanaugh on his nomination and look forward to his swift confirmation." July 10, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Greg Abbott (R, TX):** “#SCOTUS nominee Kavanaugh gets prolonged & robust applause from Senators on his announcement. This bodes well for the strength of support he should get for confirmation. Kavanaugh brings substantial credentials to @Scotus.” July 9, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Scott Walker (R, WI):** “Brett Kavanaugh is an excellent nominee to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court.” July 9, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Mary Fallin (R, OK):** She tweeted, “Judge Brett Kavanaugh has a proven track record as the type of jurist that @realDonaldTrump has promised to put on the Supreme Court. He has shown he is fair, impartial, and faithful to the Constitution. He will be a great addition to the Supreme Court.” [Source](#).

**Governor Dennis Daugaard (R, SD):** He tweeted, “Big Supreme Court news yesterday. It was great to join Mark E. Salter as he was sworn in as justice of the South Dakota Supreme Court. Looks like there was a good announcement in DC also.” [Source](#).

**Governor Jim Justice (R, WV):** In a press release, Governor Justice said: “President Trump has made a great choice in Judge Kavanaugh to fill Justice Kennedy’s vacancy on the Court,” Gov. Justice said. “He has kept his promise to the American people and appointed another conservative judge who will uphold our Constitution and not decide the law based upon personal policy preferences. I strongly encourage Senator Shelley Moore Capito and Senator Joe Manchin to vote to confirm Judge Kavanaugh.” [Source](#)

**Governor Gary Herbert (R, UT):** “I hope the Kavanaugh confirmation can follow what we do in Utah, namely focus on judicial philosophy, track record, temperament and character, rather than politics.” [Source](#)

**Governor Matt Mead (R, WY) –** “Like Judge Gorsuch who came from our own 10th Circuit, Judge Kavanaugh is an outstanding jurist. His record on the bench, his long public service career, and his volunteer work in the community are all impressive. Judge Kavanaugh will be a fine addition to the U.S. Supreme Court and my hope is that the confirmation process is completed without delay.” [Source](#) July 10, 2018.

**Governor Paul LePage (R, ME):** “As the person with the responsibility of appointing Maine’s judges for the past seven-and-a-half years, I know how essential it is that our jurists have good character and are faithful to the Constitution. I strongly support the nomination of Judge Kavanaugh, There is a saying, ‘As Maine goes, so goes the nation.’ Maine’s senior Senator Susan Collins embodies that saying. I am confident that Senator Collins, as she has done with prior judicial nominations, will vote upon the President’s nominee based upon his qualifications and experience, not on partisan politics. I hope other senators do the same.”

**Governor’s Letter to Senator Mitch McConnell and Charles Schumer:** Thirty-one Governors signed a letter written in support of President Trump’s nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh. The Governors are: Gov. Bill Haslam (R, TN), Gov. Kay Ivey (R, AL), Gov. Doug Ducey (R, AZ), Gov. Asa Hutchinson (R, AR), Gov. Rick Scott (R, FL), Gov. Nathan Deal (R, GA), Gov. Edward Calvo (R, GU), Gov. Butch Otter (R, ID), Gov. Eric Holcomb (R, IN), Gov. Kim Reynolds (R, IA), Gov. Jeff Colyer (R, KS), Gov. Matt Bevin (R, KY), Gov. Paul LePage (R, ME), Gov. Rick Snyder (R, MI), Gov. Phil Bryant (R, MS), Gov. Michael Parson (R, MO), Gov. Pete Ricketts (R, NE), Gov. Brian Sandoval (R, NV), Gov. Christopher Sununu (R, NH), Gov. Susana Martinez (R, NM), Gov. Doug Burgum (R, ND), Gov. Ralph Torres (R, CNMI), Gov. John Kasich (R, OH), Gov. Mary Fallin (R, OK), Gov. Henry McMaster (R, SC), Gov. Dennis Daugaard (R, SD), Gov. Greg Abbott (R, TX), Gov. Gary Herbert (R, UT), Gov. Jim Justice (R, WV), Gov. Scott Walker (R, WI), and Gov. Matthew Mead (R, WY). July 25, 2018.

**Governor Rick Snyder (R, MI) –** “I appreciate the President’s recommendation of Judge Kavanaugh to serve on the highest court in the land. Judge Kavanaugh’s credentials and former opinions demonstrate his commitment to the interpretation of the law as written, and he is an outstanding choice for associate justice. I encourage the Senate to hold hearings swiftly to confirm Judge Kavanaugh.” Source: IGA Inbox. July 25, 2018.

**Governor Phil Bryant (R, MS):** “On July 9, President Donald Trump nominated Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh to replace Justice Anthony Kennedy on the United States Supreme Court. The President promised to select a candidate who would

apply the law and rely on the Constitution in order to deliver justice. President Trump kept that promise. Judge Kavanaugh's credentials are impeccable." Governor Bryant's full op-ed can be found [here](#).

**Governor Bruce Rauner (R, IL):** "I support the nomination of Judge Kavanaugh. I believe he is highly experienced, well-qualified for the position, and I hope that his nomination is voted on and approved expeditiously," Rauner told reporters on July 10 in Schaumburg after touring Amada America, Inc. Hours after the letter was reported, the Rauner campaign said the Republican Governors Association would be adding Rauner's signature to the letter. [Source](#)

**Governor Jeff Colyer (R, KS):** "Earlier this month, @POTUS nominated Brett Kavanaugh to be the next Supreme Court Justice. I am proud to have signed this letter of support along with 31 of my fellow Republican Governors. #ksleg #ksgov" July 26, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Dennis Daugaard (R, SD):** "I am joining 31 of my fellow governors to urge the confirmation of Judge Kavanaugh. #KavanaughSCOTUS" July 26, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Doug Burgum (R, ND):** "This week I joined 31 fellow governors in urging the Senate to expeditiously confirm the highly qualified and well-respected Judge Brett Kavanaugh for the U.S. Supreme Court." July 26, 2018. [Source](#)

**Governor Phil Bryant (R, MS):** "President @realDonaldTrump promised to select a candidate for U.S. Supreme Court who would apply the law and rely on the Constitution in order to deliver justice. With the nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh, the President kept his promise." July 26, 2018. [Source](#)

### Lieutenant Governors

**Lt. Gov. Brad Little (R, ID) --** "In nominating Judge Brett Kavanaugh, President Trump has selected the most qualified and accomplished jurist in the nation to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Justice Anthony Kennedy. In his service on the bench, Judge Kavanaugh has a clear track record of interpreting the plain text of the Constitution, and not usurping power from the People or their representatives. I urge the U.S. Senate to swiftly confirm Judge Kavanaugh."

**Lt. Gov. John Sanchez (R, NM) --** "Brett Kavanaugh has proven to be committed to upholding the rule of law, and has served on the United States Court of Appeals, with integrity and consistency. I stand in full support of the President's nomination and encourage the Senate to conduct confirmation hearings and approve his nomination."

**Lt. Gov. Tim Griffin (R, AR):** "President @realDonaldTrump made an outstanding pick of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the #SCOTUS. He is one of the brightest legal minds in the U.S., has a stellar reputation and understands the proper role of the judiciary under our Constitution." [Source](#)

**Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg (R, IA):** "Another outstanding SCOTUS pick by the President. Among the most important decisions a president can make." [Source](#)

**Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor (R, OH):** "President @realDonaldTrump has made a wise choice for his SCOTUS nominee. Judge Kavanaugh's history as a defender of religious liberty and a crusader for regulatory reform is impressive. Americans deserve to be protected from government overreach and I urge a quick confirmation." [Source](#)

**Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick (R, TX):** He tweeted, "President Trump has made a terrific appointment. Judge Brett Kavanaugh is an impressive judge w/ widespread support from senators, including @JohnCornyn & @tedcruz. He will be a principled addition to the Supreme Court. Can you imagine who Hillary Clinton would have appointed?" [Source](#).

**Lt. Gov. Mitch Carmichael (R, WV):** He said in a press release, "This selection underscores President Trump's commitment to appointing strong, conservative judges who believe their purpose is to faithfully interpret the law, not attempt to legislate from the bench. We are blessed to have a President who understands the critical role the judiciary has in shaping the direction of a country." [Source](#).

**Lt. Governor Todd Lamb (R, OK)** – “I believe Judge Kavanaugh will be an outstanding justice, and I applaud President Trump for his nomination. Judge Kavanaugh’s resume is extremely impressive, and he is exceptionally qualified to serve on the nation’s highest court. He will be a fair and impartial judge who will base his opinions strictly on the rule of law while protecting the separation of powers that is paramount to our democracy. It is my hope the United States Senate will confirm Judge Kavanaugh in a timely and fair fashion.” July 10, 2018.

**Lt. Governor Kevin Bryant (R, SC)** – “Congratulations President Trump on another phenomenal Supreme Court pick. Liberals, both Democrats and Republicans, for years have used the Supreme Court as a convenient excuse to avoid fighting for the unborn. That excuse expired last night. Brett Kavanaugh will be confirmed as the next U.S. Supreme Court Justice, and then South Carolina must lead that fight to reaffirm the first right, the right to life, for unborn children. I look forward to the Personhood Act becoming law next year with the full-throated endorsement and support of all Republicans in the South Carolina Statehouse.” [Source](#). July 10, 2018.

**Lt. Governor Ray Tenorio (R, GU)**: “On behalf of the people of Guam, Lt. Governor Ray Tenorio and I support President Donald J. Trump’s nomination of federal Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh’s experience and success in his duties make him a prime candidate for this prestigious position on the Supreme Court. We look forward to his approval by Congress and wish him the best during his nomination process.” [Source](#)

**Lt. Governor Brent Sanford (R, ND)**: “Incredibly pleased by @POTUS’s nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to SCOTUS. A well-respected jurist we can trust to fairly interpret the law and Constitution, not attempt to legislate from the bench. Urging the Senate to move quickly to confirm this highly qualified nominee.” [Source](#)

**Lieutenant Governor Tracey Mann (R, KS)**: “I urge the Senate to move to confirm @POTUS pick for @Scotus, @BrettKavanaugh. Judge Kavanaugh will do an excellent job and is highly qualified. For the first time in a long while we can have a constitutional conservative majority who will interpret our laws as written. #ksleg.” July 12, 2018 [Source](#)

**Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti (R, IL)**: “#JudgeKavanaugh’s track record of faithful adherence to the Constitution and unbiased interpretation of the laws of the United States is beyond impressive. I strongly urge the Senate to confirm Judge Kavanaugh. #ScotusPick” July 12, 2018. [Source](#)

**Lt Governor Dan Forest (R, NC) — 1.** “I am very pleased with the selection. I think that what you are going to see in Kavanaugh is the same thing we see in Gorsuch, here is an individual who cares about the words of the Constitution. He had a line in one of the books he wrote that went something like this, ‘The words of the Constitution are the law. We do not have the right to transpose different words into the Constitution, or our opinion into it. I like that, he is a constitutional originalist that is the way it is supposed to be, allow congress, allow the lawmakers to make the law and allow the judges to interpret it based on the actual words in the Constitution. That is really good for America and that is really good for the world when you have a body of judges who are actually going to judge the law not based on their opinion and not legislate from the bench.” [Source](#). July 16, 2018.

**Lt. Governor Tim Griffin (R, AR)**: **Op-ed**: By nominating Judge Brett Kavanaugh, President Trump has chosen a nominee with impeccable qualifications who falls squarely within the mainstream of American legal thought and interpretation...Judge Kavanaugh has the brilliant legal mind we should require of a Supreme Court justice.” Lieutenant Governor Griffin’s full op-ed can be found [here](#).

**Lieutenant Governor Randy McNally (R, TN)**: “Brett Kavanaugh was a great teacher. He will be an even better Supreme Court Justice. We need individuals with strong legal minds and strong character on #SCOTUS. We need Kavanaugh.”

**Lt. Governor Brian Calley (R, MI)** – “Judge Kavanaugh is a tremendous choice to serve as the next justice of the Supreme Court. He has a clear record of upholding our nation’s Constitution and President Trump did an outstanding job in his selection. I hope the United States Senate will act to confirm Judge Kavanaugh very soon.” Source: IGA Inbox. July 25, 2018.

### Attorneys General

**Attorney General Derek Schmidt (R, KS):** “Justice Kennedy’s long and distinguished legal career has contributed significantly to shaping modern American history. On a personal level, arguing before him has been a highlight of my service as attorney general. With Justice Kennedy’s retirement, the last of Ronald Reagan’s appointees to the Supreme Court will be gone, but the legacy of President Reagan’s fidelity to constitutionally conservative jurisprudence lives on. With important issues pending before the Court, including some from Kansas, I trust that legacy will be reflected in President Trump’s nominee.” [Source](#). June 27, 2018.

**Attorney General Bill Schuette (R, MI):** “Another Opportunity for President Trump to appoint a rule of law Justice to the Supreme Court. Another reason it was important to beat Hillary and not abandon Donald Trump in 2016.” [Source](#). June 27, 2018.

**Attorney General Josh Hawley (R, MO):** “The future of our country is on the line at the United States Supreme Court... and this fall, the United States Supreme Court is on the ballot.” He also said, “This President is going to appoint a justice who will turn the court in a new direction.” Additionally, he said, “It will be this President, in conjunction with the Senate, who changes the Supreme Court, that will change the direction of our country... Whether it’s immigration, whether it’s religious liberty, whether it is the right to life or the right to speak freely –the right to follow our beliefs in every area of life, to go into the marketplace, to go into the business place and be who we are –every single one of these issues is tied up with the United States Supreme Court.” [Source](#). June 28, 2018.

**Attorney General Ken Paxton (R, TX):** “What a day for America – Justice Kennedy is retiring from #SCOTUS! Here is another reminder of what a difference @realDonaldTrump winning the election has made.” [Source](#). June 27, 2018.

**Attorney General Sean Reyes (R, UT):** “So excited POTUS considering Sen. Mike Lee & Justice Tom Lee among some other amazing individuals 4 SCOTUS. USA would be fortunate to have either on High Court. #utpol @realDonaldTrump.” [Source](#). June 29, 2018.

**Attorney General TJ Donovan (D, VT):** “The stream of bad news from SCOTUS this week has been disheartening. We must demand that Justice Kennedy’s replacement respects the rights of women. We must do all we can to ensure President Trump doesn’t turn back the clock.” He also said, “We need to make sure President Trump doesn’t turn back the clock. We need to raise our voices and ensure that the next Supreme Court Justice will protect Women’s reproductive rights.” [Source](#). June 28, 2018.

**Attorney General Patrick Morrisey (R, WV):** “The Supreme Court is one of the most important reasons why we must win this Senate seat. Defeating @joemanchinwv means @realDonaldTrump will have an ally in the Senate who will continue confirming his highly-qualified Supreme Court and judicial picks. Senator Schumer has already made it clear he wants to block consideration of a @realDonaldTrump nominee for the Supreme Court. Why won't @JoeManchinWV resign from the liberal Schumer leadership team which continues to obstruct Trump? Today’s Supreme Court news underscores why it was so important to support @realDonaldTrump in 2016. Don’t forget, if Joe Manchin had his way, Hillary Clinton would be on her way to appointing her second radical Supreme Court Justice. Joe Manchin's liberal record: If he got his wish in 2016, Hillary Clinton would be President right now. Could you imagine how radical her picks for the Supreme Court would be? Keep in mind: Regardless of how Joe Manchin votes on SCOTUS nominee, he spent years confirming Obama's judges and he wanted Hillary Clinton in the White House filling the Supreme Court with her radical liberal Justices.” [First Source](#). June 27, 2018. [Second Source](#). June 27, 2018. [Third Source](#). June 27, 2018. [Fourth Source](#). June 27, 2018. [Fifth Source](#). June 28, 2018. [Sixth Source](#). June 28, 2018.

**Attorney General Mark Brnovich (R, AZ) -** He tweeted, “We need judges who will interpret the law and not make policy from the bench. The courts have become too politicized. Kavanaugh is an excellent choice who will say what the law is, not what he wants it to be.” He retweeted this tweet on his personal account. [Source](#)

**Attorney General Pam Bondi (R, FL) –** “Judge Brett Kavanaugh is an extraordinary choice for the Supreme Court. I have known and respected him for years for his brilliant legal mind, but he is so much more. The best part of him won’t be

found in his hundreds of thoughtful judicial opinions. The best part of him will be found in his devotion to his family, friends, church, and community. I hope the American people will come to know that man. He will make them proud.” [Source](#). July 10, 2018. [Second Source](#).

**Attorney General Mike Hunter (R, OK)** -- “I commend President Trump on his excellent choice of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve on the nation’s high court. With over 300 published opinions, Judge Kavanaugh has built a solid judicial record and is uniquely qualified to serve in this role. He has demonstrated throughout his career to be an impartial and fair judge, who rules based on the law, not politics or emotion. Judge Kavanaugh is a staunch defender of religious liberties and has a proven track record of preserving the separation of powers, threatened by overreaching federal regulatory agencies. To give just one example, I have argued many times that the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection created by the Dodd-Frank law is unconstitutional, and Judge Kavanaugh’s monumental opinion demonstrating the unlawfulness of that agency’s structure is the best legal analysis of that issue that exists today. I encourage the members of the U.S. Senate to work with haste to confirm Judge Kavanaugh.” [Source](#).

**Attorney General Leslie Rutledge (R, AR)**: “Once again, President Donald Trump has appointed one of the country’s top legal minds to serve on the nation’s highest court.” [Source](#)

**Attorney General Chris Carr (R, GA)**: “I commend @POTUS for nominating Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. He is a well-respected jurist with a proven record of faithfully interpreting the rule of law. I congratulate Judge Kavanaugh and his family and hope for a quick confirmation by the Senate.” [Source](#)

**Attorney General Mike DeWine (R, OH)**: “President Trump has nominated an outstanding candidate in Judge Brett Kavanaugh for a seat on the U.S. Supreme Court to replace Justice Anthony M. Kennedy. We need justices like Judge Kavanaugh who will interpret the law through the meaning of the written U.S. Constitution and not legislate from the bench.” [Source](#)

**Attorney General Jeff Landry (R, LA)**: “President Trump promised to nominate conservative judges who will strictly follow the Constitution and exercise restraint rather than activism, and once again he has done just that.” [Source](#)

**Attorney General Bill Schuette (R, MI)**: “What a great decision by President Trump in nominating Judge Brett Kavanaugh for the United States Supreme Court. He is a rule of law, experienced judge who is smart and respects the Constitution – as written.” [Source](#)

**Attorney General Josh Hawley (R, MO)**: “Judge Kavanaugh is a remarkably qualified nominee for the Supreme Court. I have full confidence he will uphold the Constitution as the people wrote it, not impose his values from the bench. And that’s what the people deserve. The balance of the court turns on this nomination and I applaud the President for his thoughtfulness on this decision.” [Source](#)

**Attorney General Tim Fox (R, MT)**: “President Trump made an excellent decision. Judge Kavanaugh is a brilliant jurist with a proven record of objectively interpreting laws and the Constitution. I urge the United States Senate to give this nomination adequate consideration, followed by swift confirmation.” [Source](#)

**Attorney General Adam Laxalt (R, NV)**: “I applaud the President’s nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve on our Nation’s highest court. Judge Kavanaugh has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to the rule of law in reading the constitution according to its original meaning, rather than reinterpreting our constitution according to his own personal preferences.” [Source](#)

**Attorney General Alan Wilson (R, SC)**: “Proud of @realDonaldTrump 4 nominating Judge Brett Kavanaugh. Great choice! I have appeared before him & he will be a great Sup Ct Justice” [Source](#)

**Attorney General Herbert Slatery (R, TN)**: “I applaud President Trump for again keeping his promise to select a Supreme Court Justice with exemplary credentials-- conservative, very smart, and one who has an unwavering respect for our Constitution as it is written.”

**Attorney General Ken Paxton (R, TX):** "Brett Kavanaugh is an extraordinarily well-qualified Supreme Court nominee, in the mold of Justice Gorsuch, President Trump's superb first pick for the high court. Judge Kavanaugh has distinguished himself as one of the nation's leading constitutional scholars." [Source](#)

**Attorney General Patrick Morrisey (R, WV):** "President Donald Trump continues to fulfill the promises he made to the American people by nominating Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh is a firm defender of the Constitution and is a highly-qualified jurist with impeccable credentials." [Source](#)

**Attorney General Sean Reyes (R, UT):** "I applaud President Trump for nominating Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States." [Source](#)

**Attorney General Patrick Morrisey (R, WV):** "WV AG Leads 26 States Urging Swift Confirmation of Judge Kavanaugh to Supreme Court. <http://bit.ly/2zApGhJ>" July 12, 2018. [Source](#)

**Attorney General Ken Paxton (R, TX):** "AG Paxton Joins 26-State Coalition Urging Prompt Senate Confirmation of Judge Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court" [Source](#) July 12, 2018.

**Attorney General Steve Marshall (R, AL):** "AG Steve Marshall Joins AGs in Support of President Trump's Supreme Court Nominee, Judge Brett Kavanaugh" July 12, 2018. [Source](#)

**Attorney General Derek Schmidt (R, KS):** "AG Derek Schmidt urges U.S. Senate to confirm Kavanaugh to Supreme Court" July 12, 2018. [Source](#)

**Attorney General Lawrence Wasden (R, ID) –** "Yesterday I signed on to a letter with 25 of my fellow state attorneys general supporting Judge Kavanaugh's nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh is an excellent nominee who respects the role of states and their constitutionally protected sovereignty." [Source](#). July 13, 2018.

**Attorney General Bill Schuette (R, MI):** "The nomination of Justice Neil Gorsuch to replace Justice Scalia was a huge win for those who believe we must secure our borders and enforce immigration laws, as I do. And a win for those who do not believe judges should legislate from the bench. This is so important during a time in which our constitutional rights, such as the Second Amendment, must be protected in the face of an aggressive progressive onslaught." Attorney General Schuette's full op-ed can be found [here](#).

**Attorney General Mike Hunter (R, OK):** "The president has done his duty and then some, putting forward a nominee who is, as Trump promised in the 2016 campaign, in the mold of the late, great Justice Antonin Scalia. Brett Kavanaugh is indisputably a jurist who believes in textual fidelity to the Constitution and statutes and a disciplined avoidance of judicial activism." Attorney General Hunter's full op-ed can be found [here](#).

**Attorney General Josh Hawley (R, MO):** "I've followed his work on the bench, his 300 opinions as a lower court judge on the DC circuit and I think he's a fantastic nominee, I really do. Here's what I love best about him, I think he's going to defend the constitution the way the people wrote it.... I think Kavanaugh's on the side of the people." July 12, 2018. [The Ed Martin Movement Radio Show](#)

**Attorney General Mark Brnovich (R, AZ):** "Judge Kavanaugh's demonstrated judicial philosophy and previous experience make him a well-qualified nominee worthy of the Senate's prompt consideration." Attorney General Brnovich's full letter can be found [here](#).

**Attorney General Adam Laxalt (R, NV):** "Now President Trump has nominated Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve as our next Supreme Court justice. I enthusiastically support the president's choice. Kavanaugh has already served as a federal appeals judge for over a decade, and has a strong record of judging according to the rule of law. Instead of merely trying to reach the result he wants in any given case, Kavanaugh has let the law and constitution dictate the result." July 27, 2018. Attorney General Laxalt's full op-ed can be found [here](#).

## Secretaries of State

**Secretary of State Jon Husted (R, OH):** “The nomination of a justice to the U.S. Supreme Court is one of the most important responsibilities for a president. Members of the Court wield incredible power as they have the final say in determining constitutionality and lawfulness in America. I witnessed this first-hand last month as Ohio won a very important case concerning the integrity of our nation’s elections. Recognizing that multiple vacancies were likely to occur on the Court under whoever was elected president in 2016, it was important to me that the person elected be committed to appointing conservative jurists to the bench. President Donald Trump promised to do just that and he has delivered again with the nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh. As was the case with Justice Neil Gorsuch, I believe Judge Kavanaugh will be a great addition to our nation’s highest court. Now it is time for the U.S. Senate to do its job and begin the important work of conducting confirmation hearings to seat the next justice before the Court’s next term begins this fall.” Source. July 9, 2018.

**Secretary of State John Merrill (R, AL):** “President Trump’s nomination of Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court is great for America and the State of Alabama. As Alabamians, our State Motto “We Dare Defend Our Rights” is fitting to also describe Judge Kavanaugh’s service, since 2006, as a Federal Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. As a Jurist, Judge Kavanaugh has continuously rejected attempts by the federal government to overreach its authority and impose burdensome regulations into the lives of Americans. To quote Judge Kavanaugh, “The judge’s job is to interpret the law, not to make the law or make policy. So read the words of the statute as written. Read the text of the Constitution as written, mindful of history and tradition. Don’t make up new constitutional rights that are not in the text of the Constitution. Don’t shy away from enforcing constitutional rights that are in the text of the Constitution.” Uniquely qualified as an outstanding undergraduate, law student, distinguished law clerk, and public servant, Judge Kavanaugh has served our nation in various capacities, most notably as Senior Associate White House Counsel and, later, as Staff Secretary to President George W. Bush. As an everyday American, Judge Kavanaugh has always cared for and about his neighbors and family. Serving as a youth basketball coach, church volunteer, elementary school tutor, and devoted husband and father, Judge Kavanaugh takes the time to remember that Americans from all walks of life and their families are important in holding our communities together. Supporting Judge Kavanaugh as our next Associate Supreme Court Justice will not only provide Liberty a strong defender of our beloved Constitution, but it will also support all Alabamians in our pursuit to lead, build, and make lives free from government interference, as all of us, together, “Dare Defend Our Rights!” Source: IGA Inbox. July 24, 2018.

## State Legislators

**Speaker of the House Mike Turzai (R, PA):** “We applaud president trump’s selection of judge Brett Kavanaugh to be the next Justice on the United States Supreme Court. We urge Pennsylvania’s United States Senators to vote in favor of this outstanding jurist and fine family man. Judge Kavanaugh is an individual who embodies strong moral character, keen intellect, and true civility. He strikes us as both gracious and wise. Most importantly, he sees his role as one who interprets but does not create the law and has paid appropriate deference to the text of the United States Constitution, the Bill of Rights and additional amendments as well as statutes drafted by legislators.” First Source. July 10, 2018.  
Second Source. July 10, 2018

**Speaker of the House Robin J. Vos (R, WI):** “The choice of Judge Kavanaugh for the U.S. Supreme Court is exceptional. The nation’s highest court deserves to have a judge of this caliber and expertise. As a state legislation, I appreciate that as a federal judge, he has a proven track record of not legislating from the bench. He works to uphold the Constitution and interprets the law as written. With his impressive resume and reputation, Senate confirmation should be quick and with bipartisan support.” Source.

**Speaker of the House Greg Hughes (R, UT):** “The vital role of a judge in our government is to interpret laws according to the Constitution, not rule from the bench and create policies that align with a personal agenda. Judge Brett Kavanaugh’s record demonstrates that he will fairly and impartially interpret the law as it is written. I applaud President Trump’s nomination of Judge Kavanaugh to the highest court of the land. Judge Kavanaugh is well respected across the country with more than 300 published opinions that are frequently cited, and a number that have been adopted by the Supreme Court. He has a strong record of preserving the separation of powers, supporting the Second Amendment, protecting

precious life, defending religious liberties, keeping the invocation of God and prayer at government ceremonies, and overruling the actions of unrestrained power of federal agencies, which he has done 75 times. I am confident that Judge Kavanaugh will uphold and interpret the law according to the Constitution. I urge the U.S. Senate to work swiftly and diligently to confirm him with the same bipartisan support he received during his confirmation to the D.C. Circuit.” Source: IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Speaker of the House Philip Gunn (R, MS):** “I am very pleased with President Trump’s first appointment of Judge Gorsuch, and I trust this selection will be just as good.” Source: IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018.

**Speaker of the House David Ralston (R, GA):** “In nominating Judge Kavanaugh, President Trump has selected a jurist of the highest caliber -- a devoted public servant whose credentials are second to none. Most importantly, Judge Kavanaugh is a fair-minded defender of our Constitution and laws. I am hopeful that the U.S. Senate will act in the best interests of the nation and confirm him to the Supreme Court as quickly as possible.” Source: IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018.

**Speaker of the House Tim Moore (R, NC):** “I strongly support Judge Brett Kavanaugh’s nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court because he embodies all of those qualities and more – a truly outstanding selection by President Trump to faithfully serve the American people on our country’s most powerful bench.” [Source](#). July 9, 2018. [Second Source](#).

**Speaker of the House Kirk Cox (R, VA):** “Judge Kavanaugh epitomizes what it means to put faith, family and country first. From serving as a church volunteer to raising a family to mentoring young students and becoming one of the great legal minds of our generation, Judge Kavanaugh is exactly what is needed on the Supreme Court during this critical moment in our nation’s history. Judge Kavanaugh has a long history as a constitutional conservative and I look forward to his speedy confirmation to the United State Supreme Court.” Source: IGA Inbox. July 17, 2018.

**Speaker Brian Bosma (R, IN):** ““Brett Kavanaugh is deeply respected and well-known for his fair-mindedness, commitment to public service and conservative track record. He’s uniquely qualified and a solid choice to serve on our nation’s highest court. His confirmation would help shape the court for years to come, and it is my hope the Senate works quickly to confirm him.” Source: IGA Inbox. July 26, 2018.

**Majority Whip L. Nick Rush (R, VA 7<sup>th</sup> District):** “I am pleased to support Judge Brett Kavanaugh as President Trump’s nomination to the Supreme Court of the United States. During a time when many Americans are being pulled in different directions regarding the law, Judge Kavanaugh has proven himself to be someone committed to interpreting the law as our founders intended. I have no doubt that he will be a dedicated and involved voice while protecting our Constitution.” Source: IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018.

**Majority Leader Greg Reed (R, AL):** “President Trump is making America great again by restoring balance and fairness to the Supreme Court. Judge Brett Kavanaugh is a person of character who believes in following the law, not rewriting it from the bench.” [Source](#). July 10, 2018.

**Majority Leader Damon Thayer (R, KY):** “I revere the separation of powers enshrined in our Constitutions, state and federal.

The three branches of government are CO-EQUAL. When judges at any level make law from the bench, it makes my blood boil. That’s why tonight’s words from Judge Kavanaugh struck exactly the right tone and were accurate in following the intent of the Founding Fathers. It appears that President Trump has nominated an excellent choice for the U.S. Supreme Court.” First Source: IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018. [Second Source](#).

**Majority Leader Lance Harris (R, LA):** “President Trump upheld his promise once again to nominate an originalist judge to be the next Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh will be a fantastic Justice, and will be an outstanding addition to the court. I’m very pleased that President Trump picked Judge Kavanaugh. Judge Kavanaugh is a solid choice to uphold the Constitution, and I call on the Senate to give him a fair hearing and vote.” Source: IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018.

**Majority Whip Jon Hardister (R, NC):** "I strongly support the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to serve as a U.S. Supreme Court Justice. His record on the U.S. Court of Appeals indicates that he has the experience and the temperament to serve in this position. I am confident that he will uphold the Constitution and be impartial in his interpretation of the law. I encourage the U.S. Senate to hold fair, productive hearings, and to provide him with a favorable vote on his confirmation." First Source: IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018. Second Source.

**Majority Caucus Chairman Matt Hatchett (R, GA):** "I applaud President Trump's nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court. In Judge Kavanaugh, the American people and our judiciary have a leader whose abiding faith is anchored in his commitment to public service. He is both a respected and independent jurist whose 12 years on the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals and over 300 legal opinions demonstrate his commitment to and reverence for the U.S. Constitution. In the words of Henry Clay, "The Constitution of the United States was made not merely for the generation that then existed, but for posterity- unlimited, undefined, endless, perpetual posterity. I am confident that, should he earn confirmation, Judge Kavanaugh will continue his efforts to preserve, protect, and defend our Constitution, our laws, and our American way of life!" Source: Statements Sent by GOPAC. July 10, 2018.

**Speaker of the House Designee Paul Renner (R, FL):** "Judge Brett Kavanaugh is an outstanding choice for the Supreme Court. He has a long record of placing the Constitution and the rule of law above any other consideration. Judge Kavanaugh understands that judges should put aside what they may personally prefer in favor of what the Constitution and our laws require. As a Justice of the Supreme Court, his decisions will consistently protect the Constitution, the separation of powers, and the individual rights of every American. He deserves a fair confirmation process and the bipartisan support of the Senate." Source: IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018.

**Senator Debbie Mayfield (R, Tallahassee):** "Yesterday, was a great day for our country with President Trump's nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to replace Justice Kennedy on the Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh is an exemplary judge that placed an emphases on interpreting the law, rather than creating the law. His commitment to uphold our Constitution makes him a wonderful choice to serve our nation's highest court and I look forward to a swift confirmation by the U.S. Senate." First Source IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018. Second Source. Third Source.

**Representative Nathan Wadsworth (R, ME 70<sup>th</sup> District):** "Dear Senator Collins, I'm writing to advocate for the timely confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. Following the news of Justice Anthony M. Kennedy's decision to retire, this matter has been a topic of much conversation among my constituents, and I believe the United States Senate should expedite the confirmation of his successor without delay. One unique qualification of Justice Kavanaugh is that he excelled as a clerk for Justice Kennedy, gaining an important perspective—and appreciation—for the work the Supreme Court does to exemplify the pillars of American Exceptionalism. On the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals he has authoring over 300 opinions which, as President Trump stated in his address to the Nation, have been recognized widely for rigorous adherence to the law. Justice Brett Kavanaugh exemplifies the very best in public service, and for that reason I am asking you to advocate for a timely confirmation in the months ahead. With great appreciation for your public service, Nathan J. Wadsworth." Source: Letter Sent by Representative. July 10, 2018.

**Representative Craig S. Riedel (R, Defiance, OH):** "I am very pleased with President Trump's selection of Judge Kavanaugh as our next Supreme Court Justice! Judge Kavanaugh has a proven record of being fair and non-biased with his court rulings. He will be a Justice who will honor and respect our constitution and will not attempt to legislate from his judicial bench." Source: Statement Sent by Staff. July 10, 2018.

**Representative Dr. Valerie A. Fraser (R, Belknap, NH):** "It is encouraging and a relief frankly to hear Mr. Kavanaugh's acceptance of his nomination to the US Supreme Court and his belief and promise to follow the Constitution for the United States of America. I wish him luck and good judgment." Source: Source IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018.

**Representative Paul A. Stearns (R, ME District 119):** "Please let this communication serve as support for President Trump's nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court." Source: Source IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Senator Bryce Reeves (R, VA):** "Congratulations to Judge Brett Kavanaugh on his nomination to the Supreme Court! Not only does he have a proven record of being a strict constitutionalist, he is a true champion for conservative principles. I look forward to his swift confirmation & his service on the high court." Source. July 10, 2018.

**Senator John Stevens (R, TN):** "Judge Kavanaugh is a highly respected individual and judge having demonstrated the judicial temperament, intellect and work ethic necessary to sit on our nation's highest court. His opinions show a profound understanding of the structural genius of form of constitutional government. I urge the Senate to carefully review his written opinions and question Judge Kavanaugh about his judicial philosophy. I am confident the Senate will find that he is eminently qualified." First Source: IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018. Second Source.

**Representative Cory Wilson (R, MS):** "A supremely strong pick by President Trump for the U.S. Supreme Court. In Judge Brett Kavanaugh's words: 'A judge must be independent and must interpret the law, not make the law.' Our laws should be applied as written, and judges should not legislate from the bench. Everything in Judge Kavanaugh's record suggests that #JusticeKavanaugh will be a solid judicial conservative who will 'strive to preserve the Constitution of the United States and the American Rule of Law.'" Source: IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018.

**Senator Steve Smith (R, AZ):** "Congratulations to Judge Brett Kavanaugh and to President Trump. I am thrilled at the prospect of another conservative judge being appointed to the Supreme Court and everything I have heard from conservative leaders is that Judge Kavanaugh takes seriously the role of a judge to apply the law as written, and not to rewrite it. Our nation is well served by those who respect the proper balance between the judicial and legislative and executive branches, and I expect the United States Senate to set aside its normal partisan squabbles and proceed with a confirmation process that is respectful of everyone involved." Source: IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018.

**Senator Erln Houchin (R, IN):** "When Americans cast their ballots in the 2016 Presidential Election, many did so knowing their vote could have an impact which would span decades with the nomination of a new Supreme Court Justice. Now, President Trump has made his second nomination with his choice of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to fill the next soon-to-be vacant seat on our nation's highest bench. I applaud the President for once again choosing a qualified, proven defender of our Constitution and the rule of law, and congratulate Judge Kavanaugh on this honor. Judge Kavanaugh's record of upholding the Constitution as written, and our American values, will serve our country well. I hope for a speedy confirmation, and a long, meaningful career on the Supreme Court." Source: IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018.

**Senator Dawn Buckingham (R, TX):** "President Donald Trump has made an excellent choice in nominating Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve on the United States Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh's judicial experience will serve him well to continue to interpret the Constitution as written and not legislate from the bench. I commend President Trump on his outstanding nomination and hope that the United States Senate moves quickly to confirm Judge Kavanaugh to ensure adequate representation on the highest court in the nation." Source: IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018.

**Representative Neal Collins (R, SC):** "Brett Kavanaugh has an impressive resume. With 12 years of Appeals Court opinions (of which I have not read any yet), I'm sure statements will be dissected by both sides. However, President Trump promised & deserves praise for following through with Federalist Society nominees of Gorsuch & now Kavanaugh." Source: IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018.

**Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis (R, NY):** "President Trump's nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh is a good one and shows how dedicated he is to ensuring the Supreme Court upholds the rule of law and preserves the values on which our nation was founded, such as religious liberty and separation of powers. Judge Kavanaugh is well respected, has extensive experience and will interpret the Constitution as it was written, which is exactly what Americans should expect from a Supreme Court Justice." Source: IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018.

**Representative Niraj Antani (R, OH 42<sup>nd</sup> District):** "President Trump's nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh is a strong choice and I urge the US Senate to act swiftly in confirming him. As a legislator, I understand the need for our judges and justices to not legislate from the bench, and I believe a Justice Kavanaugh would not do that." Source: IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018.

**Representative Brad Tschidra (R, MT):** "As a former history/political science teacher, current legislator and firm believer in the strict interpretation of the Constitution, I am elated that President Trump has nominated a person with the qualities of Judge Kavanaugh to replace retiring Justice Anthony Kennedy on the US Supreme Court. The role of the SCOTUS is to interpret laws of the United States, and remove themselves from any semblance of judicial activism. Given Judge Kavanaugh's many lower court decisions and experience, and his belief that the US Constitution needs to be interpreted as written (not modified to fit any present environment or circumstance), Judge Kavanaugh all has all the potential qualifications to effectively serve the people of the United States in this continuing dream that is America, as the newest member of the US Supreme Court. It is my firm desire that both US Senators from Montana will heartily vote to confirm Judge Kavanaugh." Source: Source IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018.

**Representative Mike Cuffe (R, MT):** "To the Honorable President Trump, Thank you for the very good nomination for Supreme Court Justice. I am impressed by Judge Brett Kavanaugh, his credentials, his style, and his personal community activities. Coaching his kids, serving community meals, and honoring his parents, wife and daughters tell me important things about him. Brett Cavanaugh's commitment to honor the U.S. Constitution are crucial to the future of this great nation. I strongly support this nomination and will encourage Montana senators Daines and Tester to vote yes to confirm Brett Cavanaugh. I appreciate the style in which President Trump announced the nomination. With my sawmill and plywood plant hard hat on my head, I shook hands with President Trump in Great Falls, Montana, last Friday. What an exciting moment for me. With that hard hat on my head I endured lots of sweat, tears, sawdust and slivers as I managed sawmills and plywood production in Montana's northwest corner. Currently as state representative and candidate for state senate, much of my activities deal with federal land and water management policies. As part of the Montana Day at the White House July 19, I hope to discuss Columbia River Treaty and impacts on Montana House District 2 and Senate District 1, which are home to Libby Dam and the international reservoir called Lake Koocanusa. My district has borders with Canada and with Idaho. I have great appreciation for the accomplishments of President Trump." Source: Source IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Senate President Larry Obhof (R, Medina, OH):** "I commend President Trump on his nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the United State Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh has the right temperament and judicial philosophy for the nation's highest court. He understands that a judge's job is to interpret the law, not to make the law or make policy. I am confident that he will read and apply statutes and the Constitution as written." Source: Statement Sent by Staff. Source. July 11, 2018.

**Representative Beth O'Connor (R, ME):** "Dear President Trump, It is a great honor to endorse your choice for Justice Brett Kavanaugh as our next Supreme Court Justice. Having reviewed many of Judge Kavanaugh's opinions it is more than evident that his philosophy is to rely on the text of the Constitution as drafted by the Framers and that he would not invent rights or obligations that do not exist in the Constitution itself. I was particularly intrigued by his suggestion that Congress pass a law to exempt the President from civil proceedings during his time in office. Whatever the policy merits of his suggestion and they should be considered his proposal to put such a protection into statutory form demonstrates both his understanding of the difficulties inherent in acting as head of the Executive branch and the limits of his authority as a member of the judiciary, by sending this task to Congress rather than proposing that the judiciary take up the task. This nation needs a judiciary capable of recognizing the flexibility inherently necessary to the political branches under the Constitution, while also refusing to write their personal preferences into law by fiat. This theme is a constant in all of Judge Kavanaugh's opinions. Listening intently to your introduction followed by the calm and collected words of Judge Kavanaugh on Tuesday evening offered great comfort and relief. Not only does Judge Kavanaugh show a great respect for our tradition and history, he is also a straight forward and humble man with a beautiful and dedicated family. I was delighted when Judge Kavanaugh expressed how he, as a Judge, was tasked with selecting four law clerks annually. His method was always to review individuals from all walks of life and always select the best and the brightest. The majority of them were women. It is certainly a pleasure to see an individual with many of the wonderful qualities of the late and great Justice Scalia and your most recent appointee Justice Gorsuch. Judge Kavanaugh will join them both as justices who would not legislate their own political views from the bench. Again, thank you for the honor and privilege to endorse such a fine man to serve 'We the People' as our next Supreme Court Justice." Source: Source IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Representative Andy Thompson (R, Marietta, OH):** "President Trump made an outstanding choice for the United States Supreme Court when he announced Judge Brett Kavanaugh as his selection. At the announcement we saw was a humble family man with good values. What we have seen in his over 300 written opinions is someone who is fair-minded and going to faithfully interpret the Constitution as it should be- by its original public meaning and not be a bench-legislator. I applaud President Trump's fine choice and look forward to the Senate expediently confirming Judge Kavanaugh." Source: Source IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Representative Candice Keller (R, Middletown, OH):** "I am very pleased with the selection of Brett Kavanaugh for the open seat on the U.S. Supreme Court. His credentials are impeccable as he currently sits on the D.C. Circuit Court, commonly referred to as the 'Second Highest Court in the Land.' Kavanaugh's respect for those threatened by government overreach has demonstrated itself time and time again, and he has often rejected attempts by the federal government to impose onerous regulations on private citizens. I look forward to this thoughtful leader who will respect what the Supreme Court represents. His previous opinions have been honored many times by the Supreme Court, and this includes times in which his dissents have become law. Kavanaugh leaves behind an impressive record and I look forward to the legacy he will cement into the future of this great nation." Source: Source IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Representative Wes Retherford (R, OH):** "The single longest lasting impact a President can have is a selection to the nation's highest court. Justices should be honorable, thorough jurists who apply to every case a strict reading of the Constitution and keep from legislating from the bench. Judge Brett Kavanaugh is a fitting selection. His record of service to our country and his community is above approach. His record as a judge shows that he will adhere to the Constitution as our founders intended. I fully support his nomination and look forward to a speedy confirmation." Source: Source IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Representative Frank White (R, FL):** "With the nomination of Judge Kavanaugh, @realDonaldTrump sets SCOTUS on a return to the founders' intent-to do what the law and the Constitution require. The American people are no longer subject to the whims of an activist court, and for that, we are tremendously grateful," And "Stephanie and I will keep Judge Kavanaugh, his wife Ashley and their girls in our prayers as they prepare to serve the American people in such an honorable way. @FrankWhiteFL #MAGA." Source: [Tweet 1](#), [Tweet 2](#). July 11, 2018.

**Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis (R, NY):** "Judge Kavanagh is well respected, has extensive experience and will interpret the Constitution as it was written, which is exactly what Americans should expect from a Supreme Court Justice." [Source](#) July 11, 2018.

**Representative Jon Hardister (R, NC):** "Congrats to Brett Kavanaugh on being nominated to serve as Justice on the U.S. Supreme Court. #SCOTUS." [Source](#) July 11, 2018.

**Senator Judy Lee (R, ND):** "Judge Kavanaugh is an excellent candidate for the US Supreme Court. His professional and personal reputations are impeccable, his public service sets an example for all, and his respect for Constitutional law is well-recognized. I encourage his speedy confirmation!" Source: IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Representative Kevin Scully (R, NH):** "I had high hopes for the Trump Presidency, and he has exceeded even my high expectations. In no area is this more true than in his nominations for the Supreme Court. America was truly at a cross-roads, the choice of another activist judge for the Supreme Court could have effectively spelled the end of our Constitutional Republic. President Trump pulled us back from the edge with his first inspired choice, Judge Neil Gorsuch. President Trump is now cementing his legacy as the champion of our Constitutional Government with his current choice, Judge Brett Kavanaugh. Judge Kavanaugh is clearly an impeccably qualified candidate. Judge Kavanaugh has also repeatedly demonstrated that he understands the intent of the Constitution and that he embraces the proper role of the Judiciary in our Constitutional Republic. Judge Kavanaugh is exactly who we need to restore and preserve the American Dream of personal freedom and limited government in our time and for the next generation. Thank you President Trump for your continued efforts to make America great again, you have my full support." Source: IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Senator Lizbeth Benacquisto (R, FL):** "I applaud President Trump's appointment of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the #SCOTUS. He is a distinguished jurist who has proven he understands his role is to interpret the law and not create policy from the bench. I urge the Senate to swiftly confirm Judge Kavanaugh." Source. July 11, 2018.

**Speaker of the House Mac McCutcheon (R, AL):** ""I applaud President Trump for his nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh, a jurist whose intellect, legal scholarship, and continuing service to our nation should be appreciated by all Americans regardless of their party or political philosophy. As the leader of a legislative body that routinely deals with complex issues that include immigration, gun rights, religious freedoms, and others, I am thankful that Judge Kavanaugh appears to hold a strict constructionist viewpoint that reflects the framers' original intent. Because his qualifications to serve on the Court are without dispute, it is my hope that Judge Kavanaugh's confirmation process will proceed with all deliberate speed. I will pray for Judge Kavanaugh and his family as he takes center stage in the public spotlight and hopefully begins his long service on our nation's highest court." Source: IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Representative Rich Perales (R, OH):** "I applaud President Trump for nominating Judge Brett Kavanaugh as the next Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh needs no introduction in the judicial community and has the respect of his peers on both sides of American political ideology. His firm dedication to judicial interpretation is critical in an age where our judicial community ventures too often into law re-writing. I look forward to the confirmation process with hopes of swift and bipartisan action from our leaders in the U.S. Senate. My wife Becka and I wish all the best to Judge Kavanaugh, his wife Ashley, and his daughters Margaret and Elizabeth as they begin this next journey in their lives." Source: IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Senator Frank LaRose (R, OH):** "President Trump's pick to replace Justice Kennedy is in keeping with America's long-cherished commitment to protecting the Constitution. Supreme Court Justices have a duty to interpret the Constitution as written and respect the people's will as expressed through their elected leaders—not re-write laws to fit their own political aims. Judge Kavanaugh is well-regarded, qualified, and principled. He will perform his duties with integrity and protect the Constitutional rights of all Americans. I look forward to his speedy confirmation." Source: IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Senator Bill Beagle (R, OH):** "I commend President Trump's decision to nominate Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court. I am certain he will work to protect the Constitutional rights of the American people, upholding our nation's values and principles through interpretation of the law." Source: IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Representative Heather Sirocki (R, ME):** "Based on his career and previous decisions, Judge Kavanaugh is highly regarded for valuing our constitutional republic, following the Rule of Law, and preserving individual liberty. I wholeheartedly support his nomination. Likewise, I am certain that Senator Susan Collins also values these traits in the next Supreme Court Justice, and I anticipate that she will vote to support Judge Kavanaugh's nomination." Source: IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Representative Wendy McKamey (R, MT):** "It is with great pleasure I give my complete support to President Trump and his nominee to the Supreme Court, Judge Brett Kavanaugh. In his time on the Bench, Judge Kavanaugh has shown himself to be an Originalist with regard to the Constitution of the United States, and we can expect him to continue on that path. His experience and expertise is broad and deep and he has distinguished himself by the thorough, fair, and thoughtful opinions he writes and delivers. It is evident Judge Kavanaugh is indeed the best choice for the Supreme Court, and the People of the United States of America. We can trust he will continue to listen, evaluate and ascertain the best judgement for each case put before him. Judge Brett Kavanaugh will serve us all well in the capacity of a Supreme Court Justice." Source: IGA Inbox. July 12, 2018.

**Representative Melissa Melendez (R, CA):** "The reason Democrats reflexively oppose the Supreme Court nomination of any judge demonstrating a strict adherence to the Constitution is they believe the Judicial Branch exists solely to help them pass a radical liberal agenda. The nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court of the United States is exactly why President Trump was elected and represents another step toward restoring and preserving the rule of law. California stands to benefit from a conservative Supreme Court with the legal authority to undo the unconstitutional

laws our state has foolishly enacted. I emphatically add my name with those who support the confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court of the United States.” Source: IGA Inbox. July 12, 2018.

**Senator Garrett Mason (R, ME):** “Thank you @realDonaldTrump for nominating Judge Kavanaugh to #scotus. Qualified, conservative, and ready on day one. #mepolitics.” Source. July 12, 2018.

**Senator Amy Volk (R, ME):** “In his distinguished academic and judicial career, Judge Brett Kavanaugh has demonstrated a deep respect for our Constitution and for statutory language, weighing both carefully against historical context. He believes that the judiciary’s role is to interpret rather than to make law and I take him as a man of high integrity, likely to keep his word. I urge all members of the US Senate to respect his nomination and vote to confirm him as our next Supreme Court Justice.” Source: IGA Inbox. July 12, 2018.

**Senator Matt Huffman (R, OH):** “Dear President Trump: I strongly support your nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh for the United States Supreme Court. Throughout his career, Judge Kavanaugh has proven to be a competent jurist, utilizing a sharp legal mind in myriad cases to interpret the rule of law as it is written. His adherence to the Constitution and the law’s original construction and purpose make him a welcome addition to the highest court in the land. You have made a prudent choice in Judge Kavanaugh, and I am happy to applaud that decision.” Source: IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Senator Doug Broxson (R, FL):** “President Trump has put forth an outstanding nominee for the Supreme Court in Judge Brett Kavanaugh. By all accounts, both by those who know him personally and those who know him only through his judicial record, Judge Kavanaugh is eminently qualified to serve on our nation’s highest court. I appreciate that the President has followed through on his promise to only nominate candidates for the federal bench who hold a high view of our Constitution. The President is making the most of his opportunity to move the Supreme Court in a more conservative direction, and I applaud him. I hope the U.S. Senate, including our Senator Bill Nelson, will follow through on its responsibility and quickly confirm Judge Kavanaugh.” Source: IGA Inbox. July 16, 2018.

**Senator Albert D. Olszewski, M.D. (R, MT):** “I am honored to endorse Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh for the nomination of Supreme Court Justice. Judge Kavanaugh’s qualifications exceeds expectations as a Jurist and a human being willing and capable to serve his country and his community. He is exactly what our country needs as a Justice sitting on the Supreme Court bench. He is a Jurist who will apply the law as written and enforce the text, structure, and original understanding of the Constitution. Judge Kavanaugh has proven himself as a Justice of the D.C. Circuit Court, “the second highest Court of the Land.” His peers on the appellate courts look to Judge Kavanaugh for leadership. as a leader. He is deeply respected by the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court has endorsed his opinions more than a dozen times, including Kavanaugh dissents that have become the law of the land. His judicial opinions are regularly cited by courts across the country. He has published over 300 opinions where he has proven himself as a judge that interprets the Law through the lens of the U.S. Constitution. As a result Judge Kavanaugh has had a significant impact in rebalancing the proper role of bureaucracies to prevent their burdensome overreach into the lives of U.S. Citizens. He has proven that he will support State’s rights. He is a proven defender of Religious Liberty as it is defined in the First Amendment. I am excited to see Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh serve as the next Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. I hope you will too.” Source: IGA Inbox. July 23, 2018.

**Representative Barbara Biggie (R, NH):** “I’m pleased to share my enthusiastic support for President Donald Trump’s nomination of Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh is a brilliant jurist with impeccable legal credentials and a clear, effective writing style. He is universally respected for his intellect, persuasiveness and ability to build consensus. He understands that the role of a judge is to faithfully interpret the law, not to legislate from the bench. His authoritative legal opinions are known to shape the law and are often cited by judges around the country. Judge Kavanaugh has devoted his life to public service. He has spent 25 of the last 28 years serving the American people, most notably as Associate Independent Counsel, Associate White House Counsel, Assistant and Staff Secretary to President George W. Bush, and – of course – as a judge. Judge Kavanaugh is active in his community. He coaches Catholic Youth Organization basketball, acts as a reader at his church, serves meals to needy families and tutors children at local elementary schools. Judge Kavanaugh is the best of the best, who builds consensus and decides cases based on the law, not personal policy preferences. He once wrote, ‘The judge’s job is to interpret the

law, not to make the law or make policy. So read the words of the statute as written. Read the text of the Constitution as written, mindful of history and tradition. Don't make up new constitutional rights that are not in the text of the Constitution. Don't shy away from enforcing constitutional rights that are in the text of the Constitution.' Having served for more than a decade as a federal judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit – referred to as the "Second Highest Court in the Land" – he's building a first-rate judicial record and reputation. Judge Kavanaugh is a mainstream judge who should be easily confirmed. Senators from both parties told the White House they wanted a real judge with outstanding credentials, who will respect precedent. Judge Kavanaugh is all of that and more. Confirmed to the D.C. Circuit with bipartisan support. There's no question that Brett M. Kavanaugh, upon Senate confirmation, will be a significant positive force within the Supreme Court and the United States of America." Source. July 19, 2018.

**Delegate Michael J. Webert (R, VA):** "I applaud President Trump for his selection of Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh for the Supreme Court. President Trump promised to appoint justices to the Supreme Court that would uphold the U.S. Constitution and follow the law, not their policy preferences - he has fulfilled that promise by nominating Judge Kavanaugh. As a lawmaker that has fought against government overreach and bureaucratic red tape, I welcome Judge Kavanaugh's respect for people threatened by government overreach and his track record of rejecting the federal government's attempt to impose harmful regulations on private citizens. I hope you will join with me in calling on Senators Tim Kaine and Mark Warner in voting to confirm Judge Kavanaugh. He was confirmed to the D.C. Circuit with bipartisan support, and that same support should be extended to his nomination to the Supreme Court." Source: IGA Inbox. July 16, 2018.

**Delegate Kathy Szeliga (R, MD):** "When it comes to President Trump's nomination of Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, the left doth protest too much methinks. While I must beg Shakespeare's forgiveness for the paraphrasing of his line from Hamlet, it is not as grievous an insult as those that have been slung Judge Kavanaugh's way by our own representatives in Washington. While the instantly-printed protest signs and the swift distribution of talking points from the radical left is on some level impressive, our federal delegation has done a tremendous disservice to this dedicated Marylander as they distort his record and his service to push their political agenda. Senator Ben Cardin has leapt onto the bandwagon of feigned concern that, based on an article Judge Kavanaugh wrote nearly a decade ago, he firmly believes sitting Presidents, and President Trump in particular, are immune from prosecution. The talking point asserts the notion that President Trump chose Judge Kavanaugh specifically to shield him from the ongoing Mueller investigation. The Washington Post has called this argument "an extreme distortion" of what Judge Kavanaugh has written. Congressman Steny Hoyer, robotically echoing extreme leftists like Chuck Schumer and Elizabeth Warren, characterized Judge Kavanaugh as a threat to the flailing Affordable Care Act. The New York Times has called such claims overstated and exaggerated. Senator VanHollen, Congressman Cummings, and Congressman Ruppersberger have all swallowed these national talking points and then regurgitated them instantly without any thoughtful consideration of the credentials of this exceptional Marylander. It is an insult not only to Judge Kavanaugh's dedicated public service, but also to the citizens of our state and our nation. Judge Brett Kavanaugh has dedicated his life to public service. He has spent over twenty years serving our nation; he served as Associate Independent Counsel, Associate White House Counsel, as well as Assistant and Staff Secretary to President George W. Bush. For more than a decade he has served on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. His service extends beyond the bench and into the community where he coaches youth basketball, serves meals to families in need, and tutors children at local elementary schools. As a jurist, one would be hard-pressed to find a more accomplished or qualified candidate than Judge Kavanaugh. He is well-respected by his peers in the appellate courts. The Supreme Court itself has endorsed his opinions more than a dozen times. His opinions are regularly cited by courts across the country. In over 300 published opinions, Judge Kavanaugh has proven himself as a jurist who will apply laws as they are written and interprets the Constitution as written. He has pushed back government overreach and protected citizens from onerous government regulation. Judge Kavanaugh has been a champion for religious liberty, defending the rights of citizens to practice their faith without government intrusion. The colony that was to become the State of Maryland was founded on this very principle and yet many of our elected officials today view this value as somehow a detriment and threat to our freedom and democracy and this threat is made flesh in Judge Kavanaugh.

It would be refreshing if our Maryland Delegation could take a deep breath and appreciate Judge Kavanaugh for the exceptional Marylander he is. While ideological disagreements are expected, portraying him as some gavel-wielding

boogeyman hiding in the dark to take away our rights does a disservice not only to this nominee to the highest court in the nation, but also the very congressional seats they themselves hold.” Source: TBD. July 17, 2018.

**Representative Nicholas Schroer (R, MO):** “FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: State Representative Nick Schroer calls on @clairecmc to put #partisanship aside, #ConfirmKavanaugh #SCOTUS #moleg #mosen” July 24, 2018. [Tweet](#)

**Senator Fred Thomas, Majority Leader (R, MT):** Dear Mr. President: I would like to go on record as heavily supporting your fantastic nominee to the Supreme Court, Judge Brett Kavanaugh! It is my assessment that Justice Kennedy did an excellent job and that Judge Kavanaugh will fill his shoes well. Seems to me Judge Kavanaugh is extraordinarily well qualified, comes from a list of persons you identified long ago, so they could be vetted by the citizens of the country! His credentials are perfect, his family and personal life look to be stellar, what else does one need to know. Please expedite your nominee through the USS, I am certain Senator Daines will support Brett but you need to work on Senator Tester! He is an old friend of mine from the Montana Senate but he votes more like he is from New York than Montana. Please make sure Judge Kavanaugh is confirmed, if there is anything I can do, have me contacted.” Source: IGA Inbox. July 23, 2018.

### Mayors Comments on the Supreme Court Nominee

**Mayor Bill Green (R, MD):** “I feel that Judge Kavanaugh was a good choice for nomination to the Supreme Court, for his outstanding background in education and law. I have the utmost respect for our President and support his decision on this.” Source: IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Mayor Dane Maxwell (R, Pascagoula, MS):** “@realDonaldTrump has once again delivered on another promise by nominating an originalist to the highest court in the land. Excellent choice by @POTUS! #JudgeKavanaugh #SCOTUS.” [Source](#). July 11, 2018.

**Mayor Sam Abed (R, CA):** “This letter is to express my full support to President Trump’s nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court of the United States. I believe he is the best choice and the most qualified to fill the vacant seat left by Justice Anthony Kennedy. Judge Kavanaugh’s 300 published opinions made him one of the most respected federal judges in the country and are evidence of his outstanding record of defending the constitution and safeguarding the separation of powers to preserve our freedom and liberties. Judge Kavanaugh is a brilliant jurist who has consistently applied the constitution and laws during his 12 years on the U.S. Court of Appeals. He is a family man with the highest integrity who will faithfully uphold the constitution and the rule of law of our great country. It is my great honor to support Judge Kavanaugh’s nomination, and I am confident that he will make a great Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.” Source: IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**Mayor John Giles (R, Mesa):** “I applaud the President’s nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve on the United States Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh is immensely qualified and has a distinguished record as a jurist with over 300 published opinions. As an attorney, I respect judges that follow the Constitution and make rulings based on the letter of the law. Judge Kennedy’s record shows that is exactly the type of Justice he will be on the Supreme Court.” Source: IGA inbox July 12, 2018

**Mayor Mary Hawkins Butler (R, Madison, MS):** The selection of a Supreme Court Justice is one of the most profound responsibilities of a U.S. President. The Supreme Court is entrusted with safeguarding the Constitution – and President Trump selected once again an individual who has demonstrated over and over he can set aside political views and do what the Constitution requires. There is no one more deserving for this position, and no one more qualified than Judge Kavanaugh. What you see is what you get – just like President Trump! I want to congratulate President Trump on demonstrating yet again his ability to stand by his promises and keep his word to the American people. Brett Kavanaugh has impeccable credentials and he is exactly the type of jurist President Trump promised he would put on the Supreme Court. I am proud to be an American.” Source: IGA Inbox. July 12, 2018.

**Mayor John W. Suthers (R, CO):** "As the current Mayor of Colorado Springs and the former Attorney General and U.S. Attorney General for Colorado, I am writing in support of President Trump's nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court. As someone who has litigated and argued cases in the Supreme Court, I believe a Justice should be an exceptional legal intellect, open minded, an excellent written communicator, and dedicated to preserve judicial independence. In my view Judge Kavanaugh has exhibited each of these traits during his tenure on the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals. I find it distressing that interest groups on all sides of the political spectrum are demonizing outstanding jurists who have come to legal conclusions contrary to their perceived interests. Highly qualified judicial nominees should not be rejected by the Senate in response to political pressures. Their qualifications as a jurist should be the focus of the confirmation process. Judge Brett Kavanaugh is a highly qualified lawyer, he's proven to be an excellent jurist and he deserves appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court." Source: IGA Inbox. July 12, 2018.

**Mayor Anne Gerwig (R, FL):** "To Whom It May Concern, I am writing this in support of the President's Supreme Court Justice nominee, Brett Kavanaugh. Judge Kavanaugh has the background required to serve in the highest court in the land. His experience serving on the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia is arguably the most significant experience that exists. He has the additional experience of having clerked for Justice Kennedy, who has served our nation in an honorable capacity. Judge Kavanaugh should not be subject to prejudicial treatment during the upcoming confirmation hearings. It is the responsibility of the President of the United States to nominate a well-qualified individual to the highest court and it is the responsibility of the United States Senate to vet and then confirm that nomination. I would sincerely hope that our elected officials will do their best work in the process and not allow personal preferences or partisan politics to control their actions. As a Mayor, it is important that home rule be defended at all levels of government, and that our process remains above reproach. We owe our citizens our most noble work and I believe that Judge Kavanaugh has the background and character that this high calling demands. Thank you for your consideration." Source: IGA Inbox. July 12, 2018.

**Mayor Lydia Mihalik (R, OH):** "We want Judges to interpret the law, not make law. Judge Kavanaugh clerked for Justice Kennedy "the swing vote" and will continue to do so in the same manner as he has demonstrated over his career. I wish him the best through the Senate confirmation process. #SCOTUS #POTUS." Source. July 16, 2018.

**Mayor Crystal Ruiz (R, CA):** "I am excited & honored to support Judge Kavanaugh. He is the right choice for the Supreme Court. I urge our Senators to do the right thing & approve Judge Kavanaugh. Don't let our citizens down! #KavanaughSCOTUS #MAGA #POTUS." Source. July 16, 2018.

**Mayor James Brainerd (R, IN):** "The President has nominated a respected member of the judiciary to replace the great retiring Justice Anthony Kennedy. Carmel wants a new Justice who is eminently qualified, and Judge Brett Kavanaugh meets that test. As an attorney and a Mayor, he should be confirmed, I trust future Justice Kavanaugh to be the fair umpire the Court needs and judge each case on its merits, consistent with precedent and our Constitution." Source: IGA Inbox. July 19, 2018.

**Mayor Peter Weiss (R, CA):** "My name is Peter Weiss and I am the Mayor for the City of Oceanside, California. I am writing in support of Judge Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the Supreme Court. From reviewing Judge Kavanaugh's background, he is a judge who will apply the law as written and enforce the text, structure and original understanding of the Constitution. Judge Kavanaugh has the skills, ability and qualifications to serve on the Supreme Court." Source: IGA Inbox. July 19, 2018.

### County Commissioners

**County Supervisor Jack R. Smith (NP, Yavapai County, AZ):** "I am writing to express my full support for President Donald J. Trump and his recent nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh as the next Supreme Court Justice. President Trump consistently strives to ensure decisions are derived from common sense and the rule of law as opposed to political pressure. President Trump and his administration have brought back integrity, responsibility, and trust of the American people. Therefore, I am expressing my full support to President Donald J. Trump, and his administration for the steadfast work they continue to do for the American people and I am confident in his decision to nominate Judge Brett Kavanaugh

to the Supreme Court of the United States of America. It is the rule of law that safeguards our American values, our communities, and our borders. I stand ready to assist in this confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court." Source: Letter Sent by Supervisor. July 10, 2018.

**County Commissioner Mike Halleck (NP, Columbiana County, OH):** "Dear Mr President, Congratulations on an excellent choice for the Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh's intellect and record of fairness will serve our Nation well." Source: Statement Sent by Staff. July 10, 2018.

**Commissioner Bill Valentine (NP, Allegany County, MD):** "The selection of Judge Kavanaugh is great news for our country. Judge Kavanaugh has impeccable credentials and a history of making wise decisions based on facts and the constitution. Judge Kavanaugh will not be an activist, but a true Justice." Source: Statement Sent by Commissioner. July 10, 2018.

**Commissioner Doug Underhill (NP, FL):** "Brett Kavanaugh for the SCOTUS. Another exceptional move." Source. July 11, 2018.

**County Supervisor Buster D. Johnson (NP, AZ):** "I want to take this time to offer my full support to President Donald Trump's nominee, Judge Brett Kavanaugh, to the Supreme Court of the United States. I have been a County Supervisor for rural Mohave County, Arizona, for the past twenty years. Mohave County is the fifth largest county in the United States encompassing 13,461 square miles of which 70.7% of our land mass is held by the federal government as public lands. During my time as Supervisor, I have been very impressed with Judge Kavanaugh's rulings in regard to federal regulations. Rural counties, such as Mohave, are often times caught in the cross fire of federal bureaucrats and rule making. In the past twelve years, as Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, Judge Kavanaugh has handled several challenges to some of these overreaching federal rules. His record is by far the most conservative I have seen at the federal level when it comes to reining in federal agencies on issues such as climate change and financial oversight. Judge Kavanaugh has a record of rejecting attempts by the federal government to impose burdensome regulations on private citizens. In a time when this Country is still trying to overturn some of the most outrageous government regulations seen under the prior Administration, Judge Kavanaugh will be a welcoming face on the Supreme Court. He is one I know will fight for small business and private citizens' rights while upholding the Constitution of the United States. Judge Kavanaugh's education and experience have also garnished him an impeccable reputation. I feel no other candidate could match up to his legal credentials. He fully understands that the role of a judge is to faithfully interpret the constitution, not to legislate from the bench. His authoritative legal opinions are known to shape the law and are often cited by judges around the country. I am confident Judge Kavanaugh is the best choice for this lifetime appointment to our nation's highest court, and I offer any help or support needed for his confirmation process." Source: IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**County Commissioner Steve Smith (R, ID)** I want to give my support to your Supreme Court Justice Pick of Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh.

It is the responsibility of the Supreme Court to make judgments on cases based on the laws Congress passes. Today judges often render judgments on their feelings, opinions and actually create new laws in their chairs bypassing the People of the United States.

This overreach is a result from years of liberal judges legislating from the bench creating "Amendment Free Zones".

It is not the job of the Constitution to make people good, rather to make people free. Making people good is the sole role of our Heavenly Father.

Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh will be a corrective Supreme Court Justice bringing this nation back to our original ideals of our Founding Fathers. I anxiously await Judge Kavanaugh's confirmation to be our next Supreme Court Justice. Source IGA Inbox, July 11, 2018

**County Commissioner T. Christopher Elliott (R, AL):** "Judge Kavanaugh is universally respected for his intellect, persuasiveness, and ability to build consensus. He understands that the role of a judge is to faithfully interpret the law, not to legislate from the bench. His authoritative legal opinions are known to shape the law and are often cited by judges around the country. Judge Kavanaugh has an impressive career of public service and his academic credentials are

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**County Commissioner Robert Wirkner (NP, OH):** “Having reviewed available information to date regarding Supreme Court candidate Brett Kavanaugh, please be advised that at this time I consider Brett an excellent choice.” Source: IGA Inbox. July 13, 2018.

**County Commissioner Tucker Dorsey (NP, AL):** “I am writing this letter in support of Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh and his quest to become a Supreme Court Judge. Judge Kavanaugh is the most experienced candidate for this position, with over 300 published opinions. He is a “Judge’s Judge.” Judge Kavanaugh has served for over a decade as a Federal rJudge on the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, commonly referred to as the “Second High Court in the Land,” and he has built a first-rate judicial record and reputation. Judge Kavanaugh is universally respected for his intellect, persuasiveness, and ability to build consensus. He understands that the role of a judge is to faithfully interpret the law, not to legislate from the bench. His authoritative legal opinions are known to shape the law and are often cited by judges across the country. Judge Kavanaugh has an impressive career of public service and his academic credentials are superb. I believe he possesses the qualities and experience to be an excellent judge. Judge Kavanaugh will make an excellent addition to the bench.” Source: IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018.

**County Commissioner William Dozier (NP, FL):** “It is my pleasure to respectfully submit this letter in support of Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh to fill the Supreme Court vacancy. I serve currently as Chairman for the Board of County Commissioners and find it refreshing that Judge Kavanaugh has devoted his life to public service and comes from a family that has chosen to do so as well. Judge Kavanaugh consistently exemplifies a professional and ethical character in his efforts and pursuit to stop government overreach and regulations on private citizens. Thank you for allowing me to express my views and taking the time to provide the accomplishments, experience, and contributions of Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh.” Source: IGA Inbox. July 10, 2018.

**County Supervisor Mike Hankins (NP, VA):** “To Whom It May Concern, This letter is for a show of my support for Judge Brett Kavanaugh. For the Supreme Court of this country we need to pick the most qualified legal minds to serve. Judge Kavanaugh currently serves on the second highest court in the land, the D.C. Circuit Court. He graduated from Yale Law School and is a Lecturer at Harvard Law School. He clerked for Justice Kennedy. He has a proven track record. He has 300+ published opinions and he applies the law “as written” in the text and structure of the U.S. Constitution. Judge Kavanaugh is a leader among his peers. He is considered a “judges judge”. The Supreme Court has endorsed his opinions more than a dozen times. His opinions are often cited by courts across the land. 39 of his clerks have gone on to clerk for the Supreme Court. Britt Grant, one of his clerks, is on the President’s list as a Supreme Court nominee. He has a record of opposing over regulations on private citizens. Judge Kavanaugh has coached youth baseball, is a church going volunteer, a mentor in local schools, and has two school age children. His mother is a Judge in the Maryland Circuit Court and is a leader for women in the legal profession. He and his wife have 2 children in school so he is a family man. ‘The judge’s job is to interpret the law, not to make the law or make policy. So, read the words of the statue as written. Read the text of the Constitution as written, mindful of history and tradition. Don’t make up new constitutional rights that are not in the text of the Constitution. Don’t shy away from enforcing constitutional rights that are in the text of the Constitution.’ This was written by Judge Brett Kavanaugh. What a simple and direct job description for a Supreme Court Justice. Please support Judge Kavanaugh for his appointment to the Supreme Court of the United States. Thank You.” Source: IGA Inbox. July 23, 2018.

### Sheriffs

**Sheriff Bob Johnson (NP, Santa Rosa, FL):** “I strongly support President Trump’s SCOTUS pick. I believe Brett Kavanaugh will be a fine addition to the US Supreme Court.” Source: Statement Sent by Sheriff. July 10, 2018.

**Sheriff David P. Decatur, Jr. (NP, Stafford County, VA):** “The selection of Judge Brett Kavanaugh is just another example of President Trump keeping his promises to the American people. Judge Kavanaugh is an outstanding, highly qualified

candidate who will protect our constitution and serve our Country well.” Source: Statement Sent by Sheriff. July 10, 2018.

**Sheriff Al Nienhuis (NP, Hernando County, FL):** “I am honored to join President Donald Trump in offering my support of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve as our next United States Supreme Court Justice. I, as an elected Florida Sheriff with decades of law enforcement experience, want nothing more than to have a Supreme Court Justice that understands that our judiciary’s function is to interpret the written law of the land. The role of Supreme Court Justice is critically important to our brave law enforcers and to everyday Americans. Judge Kavanaugh is a well-respected and accomplished jurist who respects the rule of law and understands that the United States Constitution must be honestly interpreted with the absence of outside motivations. I would urge you to join President Trump supporting the confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh.” Source: Statement Sent by Sheriff. July 10, 2018.

**Sheriff David B. Shoar (NP, St. Johns County, FL):** No one, regardless of their background or their current political philosophy can argue that Judge Kavanaugh is not one of the most qualified individuals in the Nation to serve as a member of the United States Supreme Court. If that is the case, those who will oppose his nomination are doing so not because of his lack of qualifications but because of the dislike and in some cases hate that they have for the man, our President, who nominated him. They so unfairly assume that because someone is nominated by the President, he or she will follow in lock step with that President’s political and legal philosophy, how unfair and shallow. Ironically, history has demonstrated numerous examples where those individuals nominated by the President delivered many opinions contrary to the philosophy the President that nominated him or her. President Trump through the appointment of Judge Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court has once again demonstrated his courage by discharging his duties exactly as they were intended and that is to find one of the most qualified individuals in the legal profession and put their name forward for confirmation. “Source: IGA Inbox. July 12, 2018.

**Sheriff Mark Hunter (NP, Columbia County, FL):** “I support President Donald Trump’s Supreme Court nominee. Judge Brett Kavanaugh of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Judge Kavanaugh’s proven track record of upholding the constitution as written and not allowing his judgement to be swayed by personal policy preferences is exactly what we need in the United States Supreme Court.” Source: IGA Inbox. July 13, 2018.

**Sheriff Steve Smith (NP, Greene County, VA):** “I fully endorse Brett Kavanaugh for the next Supreme Court. He has a record that he will be his own man making decisions and be an independent thinker on very important issues. He has the values that that will make sure our country stays strong and an example to the rest of the world as to how courts are one of the most important parts of our system.” Source: IGA Inbox. July 16, 2018.

**Sheriff Michael Chapman (NP, Loudoun County, VA):** “As the twice elected Sheriff of Virginia’s largest full service Sheriff’s Office, I am pleased to support Judge Brett Kavanaugh’s nomination for Justice of the US Supreme Court. Nothing is more important to law enforcement officers than the rule of law, justice, consistency, and protecting the safety of our citizens. Judge Kavanaugh is a true Constitutionalist, has a proven history of adhering to judicial precedents, and has a demonstrated history of insightful, solid rulings. He is exactly what our Country needs in Supreme Court Justice. He has an incomparable education, strong values, and is a dedicated family man. I cannot imagine a better nominee for a Supreme Court Justice than Judge Kavanaugh.” Source: IGA Inbox. July 17, 2018.

**Sheriff J.D. “Danny” Diggs (NP, York County, VA):** “We should all be ecstatic as a nation that the President has nominated Judge Brett Kavanaugh to be our next Supreme Court Justice. There is no reason for anyone to oppose his nomination. Having been an Appeals Court Judge for more than 12 years, have you heard anyone criticize him up until now? The answer is no because he has proven himself to be loyal to the Constitution and the rule of law and has demonstrated this through his decisions and opinions. Judge Kavanaugh has been on the U. S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit for more than 12 years. He has more than 300 published opinions. Based on his writings, we know that he is a Judge that will apply the law as it is written and that he will interpret the Constitution as the Founders intended. The Supreme Court has endorsed his opinions more than a dozen times and his 100 most-cited opinions have been cited by more than 210 judges across the country Judge Kavanaugh once wrote, “The judge’s job is to interpret the law, not to make the law or make policy. So read the words of the statute as written. Read the text of the Constitution as written,

mindful of history and tradition. Don't make up new constitutional rights that are not in the text of the Constitution. Don't shy away from enforcing constitutional rights that are in the text of the Constitution." This is exactly the type of Justice that we need. He is a man who respects the Constitution and who has a proven track record of making informed and thoughtful decisions. President Trump has chosen a man who has outstanding credentials and who has already proven his judicial abilities through his many court decisions. He has shown that he will make decisions based on the law and the Constitution, not his personal views. I fully support his nomination and hope that you would contact your Senators and ask them to support him, too." Source: IGA Inbox. July 25, 2018.

### County Attorneys

**County Attorney Sheila Polk (NP, Yavapai County, AZ):** "To Whom It May Concern, I write to voice my unequivocal support for the nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court. His credentials are impeccable and his lengthy career in public service proves him to be a person of high moral character singularly qualified to serve on this nation's highest court. Judge Kavanaugh has written over 300 published opinions which give our country the reassurance that he will apply the law as written and enforce the text, structure, and the original understanding of the United States Constitution. It is clear that Judge Kavanaugh understands that the role of a judge is to faithfully interpret the law, not to legislate from the bench. Judge Kavanaugh has demonstrated through his work his support of the need to protect our national security as well as a thorough understanding of the realities that law enforcement officers face daily. His authoritative legal opinions are known to shape the law and are often cited by judges around the country. It is my honor to support his nomination. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me." Source: IGA Inbox. July 11, 2018

### Judges and Justices

**Justice Tom Parker (NP, AL):** "Statement on the nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh: 'This nomination will move us closer to a U.S. Supreme Court that will again respect the Constitution and return our form of government to that which the Founders intended.' –Justice Tom Parker, Alabama Supreme Court." Source. July 11, 2018

### State Agriculture Directors

**State Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller (R, TX) –** "Congratulations Judge Brett Kavanaugh. We look forward to your swift confirmation and your long and honored service on #SCOTUS." He also posted "ALL should support President Trump's nominee to SCOTUS. Judge Kavanaugh will make an excellent Supreme Court Justice. #MAGA" Source. July 9, 2018 and July 11, 2018.

**Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam (R, FL):** "History in the making. Judge Brett Kavanaugh is an outstanding #SCOTUSpick by President @realDonaldTrump who will defend the Constitution as written." Tweet

**Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt (R, WV):** Today, I asked @Sen\_JoeManchin to confirm Judge Kanavaugh to the US Supreme Court. Farmers and the people of WV need a Justice that will fight back against unnecessary federal overreach #wvpolToday, I asked @Sen\_JoeManchin to confirm Judge Kanavaugh to the US Supreme Court. Farmers and the people of WV need a Justice that will fight back against unnecessary federal overreach #wvpol" Tweet

**Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt (R, WV):** "Over the years, Judge Kavanaugh has been a strong vote protecting American businesses from illegal job-killing regulations. In fact, Judge Kavanaugh has led the effort to rein in unaccountable agencies, and his decisions have helped kill some of President Obama's most destructive new environmental rules. In all, Judge Kavanaugh has voted to overrule federal agency action 75 times, and has rejected the EPA's efforts to impose massive regulations without considering the economic costs of those regulations." Kent Leonhardt's full op-ed can be found here.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of Communications

This afternoon President Trump will be speaking at the National RX Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit in Atlanta, GA. Since taking office, the President and the First Lady have been working hard to fight the opioid crisis in the United States by stopping deadly drug supplies, preventing opioid abuse, and supporting patients through recovery. Last year, President Trump launched his Initiative to Stop Opioid Abuse and Reduce Drug Supply and Demand, a first-of-its-kind to draw out the factors fueling the opioid crisis and to make real change. Through the appropriate security, funding, education, and treatment, the Trump Administration is committed to supporting all Americans who are struggling with addiction.

Within the hour, President Trump will be speaking at the RX Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit. To watch the livestream of the President's remarks, please click [here](#).

More information on today's Summit and the opioid crisis, including news articles and a White House Fact Sheet, is below.

**News Articles:**

**Reuters:** [After drug distributor charged, Trump sets speech on opioid fight](#)

**NPR:** [President Trump To Speak At Opioid Abuse Summit In Atlanta](#)

**USA Today:** [Drug czar James Carroll: Stop illicit drug use before it's too late](#)

**White House Fact Sheet:**

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- The Trump Administration has unveiled numerous programs across the Government since the President launched his initiative.
  - These programs range from health initiatives led by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to increased law enforcement through the Department of Justice (DOJ).
- Last year, the President signed into law the overwhelmingly bipartisan SUPPORT Act.
- President Trump has secured \$6 billion in new funding over two years to fight opioid abuse.
- The Administration is working with State, tribal, and local partners to address the opioid crisis in our communities, including awarding \$1.5 billion annually in State Opioid Response grants.
  - The Administration provided teams of experts to assist States and providers with training and education on how best to address the crisis in their area.
- HHS grant funding to combat this crisis went up 4-fold from FY 2016 to FY 2018, and will increase again this fiscal year.
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- The Trump Administration awarded the highest number of Drug-Free Communities Support Program grants in a single year in the program's two-decade history.
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- Drug overdose deaths were down in the most recent 12-month reporting period compared to a year ago by an estimated 13 percent in New Hampshire, 20 percent in West Virginia, 11 percent in Iowa, 21 percent in Pennsylvania, and 22 percent in Ohio.

**STOPPING DEADLY DRUG SUPPLIES: A vital part of President Trump's efforts to stop opioid abuse is stopping the illicit drug supplies that are flooding into our communities.**

- The Trump Administration is working to cut off the deadly drug supplies that have helped fuel this devastating crisis.
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**SUPPORTING PATIENTS THROUGH RECOVERY: The Trump Administration is committed to supporting our neighbors, friends, and family members who are struggling with addiction.**

- In order to truly defeat this crisis, it is vital that we support Americans struggling with addiction. Otherwise, efforts to cut off supply and demand will be in vain.
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  - The Administration has increased funding for DOJ's Drug Court program by 83 percent since 2016.
- The Administration is providing State and local leaders with data to help coordinate and optimize efforts to combat addiction and overdose.
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  - These efforts led to a 29 percent decrease in certain opioid prescriptions during President Trump's first 14 months, relative to the same time period in 2015-2016.

**SUPPORTING PATIENTS THROUGH RECOVERY: The Trump Administration is committed to supporting our neighbors, friends, and family members who are struggling with addiction.**

- In order to truly defeat this crisis, it is vital that we support Americans struggling with addiction. Otherwise, efforts to cut off supply and demand will be in vain.
- President Trump's Administration is working to ensure Americans facing addiction receive the care that they need.
  - 255,000 more Americans received substance use treatment in 2017 compared to 2016.
  - More young Americans aged 18 to 25 received outpatient treatment in 2017 than in 2016.
  - 64 percent more patients received medication-assisted treatment at community health centers funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration in 2017.
  - The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has helped 18 States expand access to inpatient and residential addiction treatment programs for low-income patients.
- The Administration has taken steps to expand the supply of lifesaving naloxone to first responders nationwide.
  - There has been a 484 percent increase in naloxone dispensed monthly since President Trump took office.
  - Naloxone prescriptions jumped 27 percent immediately following the Surgeon General's advisory recommending that more Americans carry it.
  - The VA alone dispensed 121,448 naloxone prescriptions, used to help 321 veterans during an overdose.
- The Trump Administration is working to expand access to evidence-based addiction treatments in every State and to our Nation's veterans.
- Criminal justice reforms are being enacted to identify and treat offenders struggling with addiction.
  - The Administration has increased funding for DOJ's Drug Court program by 83 percent since 2016.
- The Administration is providing State and local leaders with data to help coordinate and optimize efforts to combat addiction and overdose.
- The Department of Housing and Urban Development funds supportive housing for individuals with substance abuse disorders through its homeless service programs.
- President Trump's workforce development efforts are expanding job retraining and apprenticeships to those recovering from drug addiction.

- DOL awarded over \$53 million to 12 States and the Cherokee Nation to help people affected by opioid addiction rejoin the workforce.

**Lumpp, Rachelle**

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**From:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 11, 2019 8:40 AM  
**Subject:** WH IGA: Executive Orders on Promoting Energy Infrastructure and Economic Growth



THE WHITE HOUSE

Yesterday, President Donald J. Trump signed two Executive Orders to streamline Federal processes surrounding energy infrastructure development. Below, please find additional information, including a pertinent Fact Sheet.

As always, we welcome your feedback and engagement around these two important Executive Orders.

### Executive Orders

- Executive Order on Promoting Energy Infrastructure and Economic Growth ([here](#))
- Order on the Issuance of Permits with Respect to Facilities and Land Transportation Crossings at the International Boundaries of the United States ([here](#))

### Remarks

- Video: President Trump Delivers Remarks and Signs and Executive Order on Energy & Infrastructure ([here](#))
- Text: Remarks by President Trump at Signing of Order on Energy and Infrastructure ([here](#))

### Social Media



Sincerely,

## The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

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### **President Donald J. Trump Is Paving The Way For Energy Infrastructure Development**

*"When it comes to the future of America's energy needs, we will find it, we will dream it, and we will build it."* - President Donald J. Trump

#### **DEVELOPING ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE: President Trump is signing two Executive Orders to streamline Federal processes surrounding energy infrastructure development.**

- The President is signing an Executive Order to address regional and local energy supply constraints and to promote an efficient energy market.
  - The Environmental Protection Agency will review and update the outdated guidance regarding certification under section 401 of the Clean Water Act.
  - The Department of Transportation will update its regulations to reflect the modern Liquefied Natural Gas development ongoing in the United States.
  - The Executive Order addresses regulatory and permitting barriers to financing new energy infrastructure and prioritizes the safe operation of existing infrastructure on Federal lands.
- President Trump is also signing an Executive Order to improve the process for issuing Presidential permits for certain cross-border infrastructure projects.
  - The Executive Order clarifies that any decision to issue or deny a permit shall be made solely by the President.
  - The Secretary of State will continue to receive permit applications and provide advice to the President on whether a project would serve United States foreign policy interests.

#### **UNLEASHING AMERICAN ENERGY: President Trump is promoting an efficient domestic energy market that creates jobs and provides affordable, reliable energy to consumers.**

- The President's Executive Orders will strengthen America's energy security by improving our ability to efficiently, reliably, and cost-effectively transport energy resources.
  - Inefficient energy infrastructure forces Americans to depend on energy that is more expensive and less reliable.
- Improving permitting processes and increasing regulatory certainty will support American ingenuity and create more jobs for American workers.
  - Outdated and burdensome Federal guidance and regulations cause confusion and uncertainty, leading to project delays, lost jobs, and reduced economic performance.
- A more efficient cross-border permitting process is good for the American economy.
  - Important cross-border projects will generate significant State and local tax revenues that can be invested into American communities.

#### **ACHIEVING ENERGY DOMINANCE: President Trump is committed to responsibly developing our Nation's abundant resources and advancing American energy dominance.**

- The Trump Administration has taken action to unleash America's incredible energy resources.

- President Trump approved the Dakota Access and Keystone XL pipelines.
- The President enacted legislation opening up the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to energy exploration and development for the first time.
- President Trump has worked tirelessly to end the war on coal, and, thanks to his efforts, coal exports increased by 60 percent during his first year in office.
- The President is working to replace burdensome regulations that target America's energy producers—like the Obama Administration's Waters of the United States rulemaking.

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**From:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 10, 2019 6:47 AM  
**Subject:** WH IGA (Invitation): Briefing Call on Promoting Energy Infrastructure and Economic Growth -- April 10 at 12:00 p.m. ET



THE WHITE HOUSE

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs invites you to a briefing call **TODAY, April 10, at 12:00 PM ET** on the President's executive action to promote energy infrastructure and economic growth.

**Briefing Call on Promoting Energy Infrastructure and Economic Growth**

- **Date:** Wednesday, April 10
- **Time:** 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time
- **Call-In Information:** [RSVP Here](#) (Participants will receive instructions on accessing the conference after RSVP'ing)

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**From:** Skinner, OH  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 09, 2019 11:12 AM  
**To:** william.f.crozer@who.eop.gov  
**Subject:** I'm back free - try my cell at 6178'

Oramel H. (O.H.) Skinner  
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**From:** Skinner, OH  
**Sent:** Monday, April 08, 2019 3:29 PM  
**To:** [william.f.crozer@who.eop.gov](mailto:william.f.crozer@who.eop.gov)  
**Subject:** Mind ringing me?

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**From:** Skinner, OH  
**Sent:** Monday, April 08, 2019 10:20 AM  
**To:** 'Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO'  
**Subject:** RE: Sheriff Lamb

Thanks. We saw that too.

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**From:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO [<mailto:William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 06, 2019 8:03 AM  
**To:** Skinner, OH  
**Subject:** Sheriff Lamb

Thought you would be interested

<https://twitter.com/sheriff1amb1/status/1114343929665576960>

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**From:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2019 10:45 AM  
**To:** Skinner, OH  
**Subject:** Re: Touch base

Wednesday

On Apr 5, 2019, at 1:38 PM, Skinner, OH <[O.H.Skinner@azag.gov](mailto:O.H.Skinner@azag.gov)> wrote:

Mind giving me a ring again? 617

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**Sent:** Monday, April 01, 2019 1:24 PM  
**To:** 'william.f.crozer@who.eop.gov'  
**Subject:** Touch base

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**From:** FN-WHO-State Government <IGA.state@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 04, 2019 11:05 AM  
**Subject:** RE: WH IGA Briefing Call (REMINDER): Reforming America's Healthcare System Through Choice and Competition

Thank you to everyone registered for today's call. We look forward to joining you at 3:00PM Eastern Time.

White House Intergovernmental Affairs

**From:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 2, 2019 6:46 PM  
**Subject:** WH IGA Briefing Call (REMINDER): Reforming America's Healthcare System Through Choice and Competition



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**Call Background – Reforming America's Healthcare System Through Choice and Competition**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 12:29 PM  
**To:** Lumpp, Rachelle  
**Subject:** RE: WH IGA Briefing Call (REMINDER): Reforming America's Healthcare System Through Choice and Competition

Thank you

**From:** Lumpp, Rachelle <Rachelle.Lumpp@azag.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 3, 2019 3:25 PM  
**To:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: WH IGA Briefing Call (REMINDER): Reforming America's Healthcare System Through Choice and Competition

William,  
Thank you, we did receive dial-in instructions for tomorrow. Mike Bailey's replacement is Joseph Kanefield. He will be joining the AGO in May. I'll send you his direct contact information once he's officially on staff.  
Thank you.

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**From:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO [mailto:William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 11:56 AM  
**To:** Lumpp, Rachelle  
**Subject:** FW: WH IGA Briefing Call (REMINDER): Reforming America's Healthcare System Through Choice and Competition

Rachelle – making sure to flag for the AG. Hope he, and appropriate staff, can join.

Do you have contact information for who took Michael's spot? Phone and email? Thank you.

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**From:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 02, 2019 1:34 PM  
**To:** Brnovich, Mark  
**Subject:** RE: Arizona Attorney General on the border: This is a crisis that has been going on for 15 years

Thank you AG. I had not seen this but circulating internally now!

**From:** Brnovich, Mark <Mark.Brnovich@azag.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 2, 2019 4:02 PM  
**To:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Arizona Attorney General on the border: This is a crisis that has been going on for 15 years

Don't know if u saw my appearance on fox earlier today.

**Subject:** Arizona Attorney General on the border: This is a crisis that has been going on for 15 years

><https://www.yahoo.com/news/arizona-attorney-general-border-crisis-162425135.html><

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**From:** Wiggins, Jeremy G. EOP/WHO <Jeremy.G.Wiggins3@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 01, 2019 3:31 PM  
**To:** Daniels, Evan  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] e-introduction

Perfect, see you then.

**From:** Daniels, Evan <Evan.Daniels@azag.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 1, 2019 6:28 PM  
**To:** Wiggins, Jeremy G. EOP/WHO <Jeremy.G.Wiggins3@who.eop.gov>  
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**To:** 'william.f.crozer@who.eop.gov'  
**Subject:** Touch base

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**Sent:** Friday, March 29, 2019 1:30 PM  
**Subject:** WH IGA Briefing Call: Reforming America's Healthcare System Through Choice and Competition



THE WHITE HOUSE

Please join the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs for a briefing call with Senior White House Officials on Thursday, April 4, at 3:00PM ET regarding the Administration's policies and priorities in reforming America's health care system through choice and competition. Registration instructions are below.

**Briefing Call: Reforming America's Healthcare System Through Choice and Competition**

- **Date:** Thursday, April 4
- **Time:** 3:00 PM ET
- **Call-In Information:** **RSVP HERE** (you must register to receive unique dial-in instructions)
- **Note:** This call is closed to the press. The invitation is non-transferable.

**Call Background**

Through Executive Order 13813, President Donald J. Trump directed the Administration to facilitate the development and operation of a health care system that provides high-quality care at affordable prices for the American people by promoting choice and competition. Most recently, the Administration issued a comprehensive report (outlined below) analyzing health care markets and the ability of consumers to control their health care decisions. To date, the Trump Administration has already executed to promote choice and competition. In June 2018, the Administration made it easier for employers, including sole proprietors, to band together to offer coverage to their workers by opening up a new pathway for forming an Association Health Plan. In August 2018, the Administration opened up consumers' ability to purchase short-term plans, which are not subject to Obamacare rules, by extending the contract period to 364 days and allowing a plan to be renewed for up to three years. States can increase the availability of much more flexible and affordable coverage for millions of people by allowing their residents to fully benefit from AHPs and short-term plans.

In December, the Administration released a bold and unprecedented report, ***Improving America's Health Care System Through Choice and Competition***, on federal and state policies that limit choice, competition, and innovation, along with dozens of recommended reforms. Many of these reforms involve state action to repeal or scale back policies, like certificate-of-need laws, narrow scope of practice laws, or restrictive supervisory requirements, and restrictions on telehealth, which tend to protect incumbents from competition and innovation and which harm consumers with higher prices

and reduced choices. The Administration continues and looks forward to working with states and supporting their efforts to increase health care choice and competition.

Thank you,

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**From:** FN-WHO-State Government <IGA.state@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 26, 2019 6:39 AM  
**Subject:** REMINDER (Today, 10:00AM ET): Briefing Call on Presidential Announcement Impacting Indian Country and Alaska Natives



### **White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs**

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs invites you to join a briefing call with Senior Administration Officials on an important Presidential announcement impacting Indian Country and Alaska Natives. If you would like to join the briefing call, please RSVP below to receive dial-in information. This call is not intended for press purposes, and media will be asked to disconnect at the inception of the call.

#### **BRIEFING CALL REGISTRATION**

- **Date:** Tuesday, March 26
- **Time:** 10:00AM ET
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Sincerely,

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**From:** Bailey, Michael  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2019 10:19 AM  
**To:** 'Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO'  
**Cc:** Neumann, Valerie  
**Subject:** RE: Contact Information

Thanks William. Joe will join the office at some point in May (date not certain).

I'm copying my assistant Valerie, who will make sure to update you after Joe's here and I'm gone!

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**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2019 9:38 AM  
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Congratulations again on your appointment.

Do you have the contact information for Joe Kanefield, who I understand will be the new Chief Deputy?

Thank you!

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**From:** FN-WHO-State Government <IGA.state@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2019 7:47 AM  
**Subject:** WH IGA (Invitation): Briefing Call on Combatting the Opioid Crisis - Today, 4:30PM EST



### **White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs**

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs invites you to join us for a **briefing call on Combatting the Opioid Crisis** on Tuesday, March 19 at 4:30 PM EST. **Kellyanne Conway** (Assistant to the President & Senior Counselor), **Jim Carroll** (Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy) and other administration officials will review and provide insight into ongoing administration efforts to combat the crisis.

If you would like to join the briefing call, RSVP below to receive dial-in information. This call is not intended for press purposes and media will be asked to disconnect at the inception of the conference call.

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**Photo: A lethal dose of fentanyl compared to the size of a penny**



*Photo courtesy of CBP*

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**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2019 10:03 AM  
**To:** Parkinson, Zach Z. EOP/WHO  
**Cc:** Burris, Meghan K. EOP/WHO; Hasse, Sarah K. EOP/WHO  
**Subject:** Thank You & New WH Media Affairs Director

All:

As some of you may know, today is my last day working at the White House. On Monday, I'll begin serving as a Deputy Communications Director on the President's re-election campaign.

While my permanent replacement has not yet been named, Sarah Hasse, cc'd here, will be your best POC in the interim for many of the questions you may have.

Additionally Meghan Burris, cc'd here, has started as the White House's new Director of Media Affairs. In this role, she'll be overseeing our regional and local media efforts and will work with your teams if/when your bosses come to the White House campus.

Serving at the White House has been the honor of a lifetime. In my two years here, I've been incredibly lucky to work alongside some of the most talented people I have ever met. One of the most rewarding experiences has been working with you and your bosses, who have been incredibly helpful and supportive.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if I can ever be of help. My personal email is [zpa@zackparkinson.com](mailto:zpa@zackparkinson.com). I hope to work with many of you again in the future.

Best,

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**Ken Paxton, Curtis Hill and Jeff Landry** | Opinion contributors 3:00 a.m. CDT Mar. 14, 2019

President Donald Trump's emergency declaration is a proper use of executive power to protect our country's borders and keep Americans safe. Unfortunately, the crisis at the southern border is one that only the federal government may truly solve. With no solutions coming from Congress, the president is faithfully executing the duties of his office by invoking a law Congress already passed: the National Emergencies Act (NEA).

In declaring a state of emergency pursuant to the NEA, President Trump is using pre-existing statutory authority to address a legitimate crisis created by lawless conduct at and beyond our southern border. This emergency declaration is not a case of the president relieving himself of restrictions under the law. To the contrary, our president is protecting our country's borders through means contemplated by Congress and used many times by past presidents for matters less directly threatening than those present on the southern border.

The NEA gives the president broad authority. In fact, Congress did not define "national emergency" in the NEA, leaving it entirely at the president's discretion to determine what constitutes such an emergency. But any president who makes such a declaration must tell Congress the statutory authority upon which he is relying, as President Trump has done here. The president's action is neither new nor extraordinary.

The NEA has been used by every president since its adoption in 1976 and has been invoked more than 50 times. Past administrations issued emergency declarations on a wide variety of issues with less direct impact on the safety and security of Americans — including the sale of blood diamonds (Clinton) and misconduct by multiple foreign governments like Burundi (Obama), South Sudan (Clinton, Obama), Venezuela (Obama) and North Korea (Bush).

Many of these declarations have renewed annually for years or decades. The emergency declaration in response to the Iranian hostage crisis, for example, has been renewed each year since it was declared in 1979. (The hostages were released in 1981.)

Everyone knows there is a massive problem with illegal immigration and international organized crime operating on our borders. Congress has been talking about the crisis at the southern border for decades. Up until recently, border security was a bipartisan issue. In 2005, New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson — a Democrat who served in President Bill Clinton’s Cabinet — declared a state of emergency at his state’s southern border. In announcing the state of emergency, Richardson criticized the “total inaction and lack of resources from the federal government and Congress” in helping protect his state’s residents along the border. In describing the crisis, the 2005 declaration stated New Mexico has been “devastated by the ravages and terror of human smuggling, drug smuggling, kidnapping, murder, destruction of property and the death of livestock.”

## **Obama unlawfully used executive power**

As state attorneys general, we are the chief legal officers of our states, with the duty to defend our sovereigns from federal overreach. We have been quick to challenge executive actions that exceed the president’s lawful authority.

President Trump’s emergency declaration to address the crisis at the southern border is much different than the kinds of executive action we challenged in the past. Unlike President Barack Obama, who unlawfully used executive power to create new laws or rewrite laws Congress enacted, President Trump is lawfully using executive power to address a crisis worsened by congressional inaction. That is a stark difference but not the only one: This use of executive action is part of the core duties of the president — to protect the borders of our country. In doing so, he properly invoked power that Congress expressly granted him to deal with a national crisis.

Astonishingly, multiple meritless complaints have been filed against the president’s emergency declaration. This is the first time ever in the history of the NEA that the president

has faced a court challenge. In four decades and more than 50 emergency declarations, only now has anyone challenged the president's determination that an emergency exists.

## **The facts support Trump — Congress should, too**

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It is only the \$3.6 billion from the Pentagon's military construction project budget that requires a national emergency declaration. Even then, the only funds that can be used are funds that have been appropriated but not otherwise obligated. Therefore, any argument that any particular state would otherwise have gotten some of these funds for military construction projects in their states is entirely speculative.

The facts matter — these facts show the president has acted lawfully and within the scope of discretion Congress and the people vested in him. Congress should support President Trump.

*Ken Paxton is attorney general of Texas and chairman of the Republican Attorneys General Association. Curtis Hill is attorney general of Indiana and vice chairman of RAGA.*

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WASHINGTON

Dear Evan,

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Sincerely,  
The White House

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**From:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2019 4:06 PM  
**Subject:** RE: White House: NAAG Event Follow-Up  
**Attachments:** P20190304TD-0951.jpg; P20190304TD-0983.jpg; V20190304MC-0762.jpg

Attorneys General –

If you do plan to use the attached photos, please credit:

**Official White House Photo By: Tia Dufour**

Photo 0951

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Photo 0762

Thank you.

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**From:** Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 10, 2019 11:16 PM  
**Subject:** White House: NAAG Event Follow-Up

Attorneys General,

Thank you for recently joining us at the White House. I wanted to provide the attached photos from the event.

Please do not hesitate to reach out directly to me with any questions or follow-up. I manage the relationship with and outreach to Attorneys General on behalf of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.

Thank you.

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**From:** Wiggins, Jeremy G. EOP/WHO <Jeremy.G.Wiggins3@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2019 3:48 PM  
**To:** Daniels, Evan  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] e-introduction  
**Attachments:** White House Map - NW Appointment Gate - Copy.pdf

Hello,

You are confirmed to meet at 10am on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Please use the link below to complete the security process. All attending must complete this form in order to attend your meeting on the White House Complex. Enter your name and residence exactly as it appears on your government issued ID. *Please Ensure All of Your Information is Correct before submitting.* NOTE: US Secret Service recommends all parties be submitted 24 hours in advance to have ample time for secure screening. Any entries entered within 2 hours of the scheduled meeting will not be processed or admitted to enter. **Please note that if your information is not put into the system correctly you will not be allowed onto the complex.**

<https://events.whitehouse.gov/?rid=PF6VVMXC8D>

Should you have multiple people in your party you can use the same link to share with each guest to submit their security information separately or when redirected to the form, skip down to the bottom and click "Add Guests", which allows you to fill out everyone's information at once.

#### **ARRIVAL DETAILS**

Enter the White House complex through the NW gate which is located on Pennsylvania Avenue between 15th & 17th streets. See the attached map for guidance. Please remember to bring a government issued form of identification.

You will then be directed to the West lobby. Security will then notify me of your arrival and someone from our staff will meet/escort you from there. Please note: If any foreign nationals are in your party please alert me in advance so I can escort your party to my office.

If you have any problems at the gate, please contact me via email.

Regards,

Jeremy Wiggins

**From:** Daniels, Evan <Evan.Daniels@azag.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2019 3:50 PM  
**To:** Wiggins, Jeremy G. EOP/WHO <Jeremy.G.Wiggins3@who.eop.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] e-introduction

Jeremy,

That would work great – thanks very much. Just let me know where to be and I'll be there.

Evan

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**From:** Wiggins, Jeremy G. EOP/WHO [mailto:Jeremy.G.Wiggins3@who.eop.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2019 12:47 PM  
**To:** Daniels, Evan  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] e-introduction

Evan,

Would 10am on April 2<sup>nd</sup> work?

Best,  
Jeremy

**From:** Olmem, Andrew J. EOP/WHO <Andrew.J.Olmem@who.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2019 3:40 PM  
**To:** Daniels, Evan <Evan.Daniels@azag.gov>  
**Cc:** Wiggins, Jeremy G. EOP/WHO <Jeremy.G.Wiggins3@who.eop.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] e-introduction

Jeremy – please set up.

**From:** Daniels, Evan <Evan.Daniels@azag.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2019 2:00 PM  
**To:** Olmem, Andrew J. EOP/WHO <Andrew.J.Olmem@who.eop.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] e-introduction

Andy,

Following up on this – would love to connect on 4/1 or 4/2 if possible. Thanks.

Evan

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**From:** Daniels, Evan  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 21, 2019 12:40 PM  
**To:** 'Olmem, Andrew J. EOP/WHO'  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] e-introduction

Andy,

Thanks very much. On Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> I'm wide open before a 3pm appointment at the CFPB. Could also do something between 8-10 the morning of Monday the 1<sup>st</sup>. Very much appreciate you making time for me.

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